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# Theme park developers working on final financing

by Dan Sanderson Staff Writer

Developers and financiers for the proposed amusement park plan to meet with state and local officials following a meeting with the Natural Resources Commission.

About 65 people, supporting the Main Street American, Inc. theme park, attended the Natural Resources Commission (NRC) meeting held in Lansing on Thursday, April 10.

Patrick Crosson, a project manager for Axiom Entertainment, has proposed to build the \$161 million Mainstreet America, Inc. theme park on 1,800 acres of land, located east of I-75 and north of Four Mile Road.

Representatives from Crawford, Roscommon and Oscoda Counties made presentations to the NRC board. Officials addressed high unemployment rates for the region, the history of an agreement with Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to develop the land for economic development purposes, the urgent need for an economic stimulus to create jobs and the 30-year trend of thousands of acres of land in Crawford County being transferred from private to state-Continued on Page 2A

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## Poet publishes book detailing self reflection

by Dan Sanderson Staff Writer

A Grayling area poet recently released a book of poems depicting her personal growth.

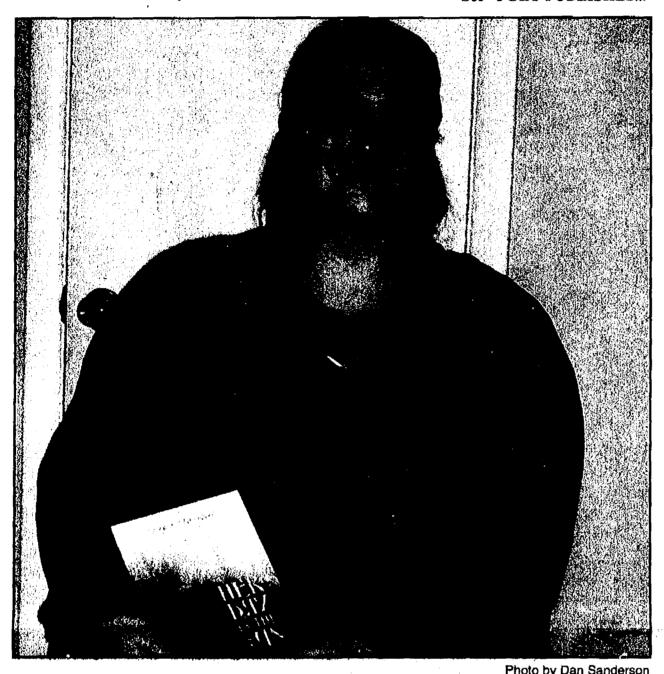
LeAnna Mathews' book, "Her Day in the Sun," was recently released by Publish America, Inc., a Maryland

based publishing company which sells its books online.

"Her Day in the Sun" follows the time line of Mathews' life, from high school to the present. Through personal growth, the poetry reflects inner change and reveals some truths that are sometimes easier to tell when written, Mathews said. From love to religion, the poems capture Mathews' ups and downs and the comprehension of both.

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### State renews funds for **AuSable River enhancement**

by Dan Sanderson Staff Writer

Huron Pines and local angler and conservation groups were recently awarded a \$400,000 state grant to kickstart a program to improve the AuSable River

watershed.

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) gave Huron Pines, a nonprofit conservation agency based in Grayling, Continued on Page 2A

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The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) gave Huron Pines, a nonprofit conservation agency based in Grayling, \$400,000 over the next two years to do stream enhancement work on the AuSable River by placing large woody debris in the river. Above, Huron Pines, in partnership with the AuSable North Branch Area Association, was the first to pioneer the use of a heavy-lift helicopter for stream habitat improvements east of the Mississippi.

# Grayling sisters anchor Christian punk rock band

by Dan Sanderson Staff Writer

A Christian rock band, led by two Grayling sisters, is set to unveil its inaugural CD this weekend.

Hail Your Highness is holding a CD release celebration for its EP, titled "Fatal Stares and Deadly Prayers," at 7 p.m. on Friday, April 18, at The Matrix Youth Center, located at the Resurrection Life Fellowship Church.

Hail Your Highness was founded by sisters Jessie and Niki Bobenmoyer. The band pulls its influences from multiple genres such as pop, "screamo" and hardcore rock. The band is bold with their lyrics, unashamed to share the good, the bad and the ugly, which is paired with catchy and driving melodies and harmonies.

But the main focus of the band is to share their faith with other youngsters and listeners.

"Our personal relationship with Jesus is just that - personal," said Jessie Bobenmoyer. "We don't go around preaching at people or condemning them to hell based on their back-Continued on Page 3A

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Hail Your Highness is holding a CD release celebration for its EP, titled "Fatal Stares and Deadly Prayers," at 7 p.m. on Friday, April 18, at The Matrix Youth Center, located at the Resurrection Life Fellowship church. Above, members of Hail Your Highness are Niki Bobenmoyer, Mike Fiel, Jessie Bobenmoyer and Sam Bengston.

# County secures funds for rapid response shelter

by Dan Sanderson **Staff Writer** 

Crawford County emergency response officials have received funding from the Federal Department of Homeland Security to purchase a large shelter that will be used when responding to catastrophes.

The county has received funds to purchase a \$27,137 rapid response shelter. The shelter is a large tent that is able to be erected quickly at an emergency scene. The shelter is equipped with a generator and officials can provide heat or air conditioning in the interior, said Larry Akers, the emergency management and 911 director for Crawford County.

The shelter, which is 508 square feet, can be mobilized when firefighters are battling a wildfire or dealing with a snowstorm. It will also be used when police and swat teams are dealing with a barricaded gunman.

"The shelter will be used in situations where police, firefighters and emergency responders have to be on the scene for an extended period of time," Akers said. "You can warm them up or cool them off, depending on the type of year."

The shelter could also be used as a decontamination area in the event of a chemical spill or a chemical attack by terrorists.

The shelter would also be available to be used at community events, such as the AuSable River Festival, to provide relief to people who suffer from heat stroke and exhaustion.

"Why buy this stuff and let it, sit around?" Akers said. "We might as well put it to some use; and this would be ideal to serve as a relief station at community events."

Akers said the county was able to secure the shelter due to changes in the way that the Department of Homeland Security is providing funding.

Instead of providing funding to individual counties, the federal agency gave a \$1.8 million grant to the Region Seven Homeland Planning Board, which covers 17 northern Michigan counties.

The grant was used to provide an armored vehicle and three transport vehicles to the Northern Michigan Mutual Aide. a SWAT team that includes sheriff's deputies, city and tribal

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ownership, said Gaila Gilliland, the economic development director for the Crawford County Economic Development Partnership (CCEDP).

The property, where the theme park is proposed, was set aside by the DNR in 2000 for economic development. The CCEDP oversees purchase proposals for the property.

Dave Stephenson, the chairman of the Crawford County Board of Commissioners and Board, noted that Crawford County is one of the top counties in the state losing people. He said jobs from the theme park would help stem that loss.

"They're not all \$20 an hour jobs, but jobs are jobs and this will bring other jobs to the community," Stephenson said.

Jeddy Hood, chairman of the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce, said the project would create an immediate boost for local motels, restaurants, contractors and other businesses once theme park construction is underway.

"Once they start rolling in here, it's going to bring in a lot of people," Hood said.

Hood added that visitors to the area would likely make return trips to the community once they see what Grayling has to offer after visiting the theme park.

"More people will see Grayling than probably have ever seen it before and that can only help," Hood said.

Hood, who is also a member of the Grayling Charter Township Planning Commission, said local officials would closely scrutinize the project's impact on the aquifer and environment before final approvals for construction are granted.

Hood acknowledged that some people don't want the theme park since they come to the community to enjoy peace and quiet in their cabins or enjoy camping in the woods.

"They want to come up here and enjoy their week or two weeks, and they don't want that to change," Hood said. "It's not

going to be a little bright light a little south of town."

Lois W. Byrd, economic development coordinator for Roscommon County, noted the need to create jobs for students who graduate from local

"We spend money educating them, we give them good educations, but they aren't able to come back home to work," Byrd

Byrd also said that the theme park would give retirees and senior citizens another place to visit and spend time with their grandchildren.

"It's another venue in northern Michigan to take our families and visitors to," she said.

In an update to the NRC board, Crosson said the theme park would utilize wind turbines to provide power, would have a self-contained water and sewer treatment facility and would also utilize waterless toilets to minimize the impact on water

Dave Freed, chief of land and facilities for the DNR, told the Commissioners about resolutions of support the state has received for the sale of the land and petitions contain about 2,000 signatures supporting the project.

NRC board members were given packets of information regarding the theme park pro-

"I think they see the need to move this forward and take some action on this rather than stalling it," Byrd said.

Developers and representatives from the Remington Financial Group, a Philadelphia

based firm, were scheduled to meet with DNR and Michigan Development **Economic** Corporation officials regarding the project this week.

"We are still where we have been at for the last several months, waiting for the financial proof that the developers say they have to pull off the project," Freed said.

Crosson and financiers for the project are also expected to meet with members of the CCEDP board as they make a site visit to the property.

"He fully expects to have a financial commitment in place and to be placed on the May 8 NRC agenda," Gilliland said. "At that time, the group of supporters will be making the trip back to Lansing."

Rep. Dale Sheltrown, D-West Branch, also attended the NRC meeting last week to support the sale of the land for the theme

Sheltrown has discussed legislation that would allow the transfer of land for the project. Freed said state lawmakers have that option.

"They do have the authority and they could transfer any state owned land to any entity," Freed said. "It happens, but it is unusual."

Developers are proposing that the park would include roller coasters, a race track, a water park, the world's tallest Christmas tree and Ferris wheel, a World War II aircraft carrier and an area where Christmas is celebrated all year long. They said it would create 2,000 jobs, 700 of which would be full-time positions, and would have an annual payroll of \$25 million.

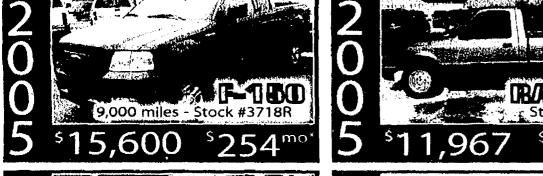
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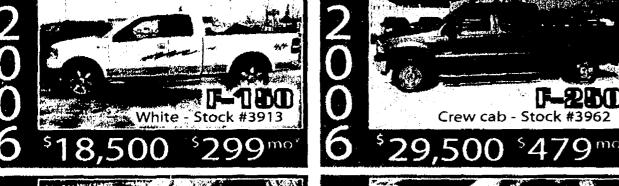
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# State renews funds for AuSable River enhancement

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years to do stream enhancement work on the AuSable River by placing large woody debris in the river.

Huron Pines started the large woody debris program on the AuSable River in the late 1990s. The funding for the program in recent years has been put on hiatus, due to budget cuts within the DNR's Fisheries Division.

Large woody debris is important for providing fish cover, supporting habitat diversity within the stream, protecting stream banks from erosion, and creating a more natural river system. Loss of large woody debris occurred during the logging era, during later land development and also as a result of dams.

"The State of Michigan is really glad that we've been able to bring back this program, as promised, to the AuSable," said Grayling DNR Fisheries Biologist Steven Sendek.

During the past two years, Huron Pines has conducted the effort through the support of its members and from generous contributions from several angler and conservation organi-

"It's been very difficult to keep this important program going without state funding, although there are several key organizations that really helped

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make it possible," Huron Pines Executive Director Brad Jensen

Groups and organizations that provided financial support and hands on help in the river for the large woody debris project include: the AuSable River Watershed Restoration Committee, the Mason-Griffith Founders Chapter of Trout Unlimited, the Michigan Fly Fishing Club, the AuSable North Branch Area Association, Paul H. Young Chapter of Trout Unlimited, the Upper AuSable River Preservation Association, Michigan Wildlife Conservancy, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, AuSable Lodge, the Headwaters Chapter of Trout Unlimited and the Clinton Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited.

In previous years of the partnership with the state, Huron Pines has used a combination of techniques to improve stream habitat - adding nearly 2,000 trees to the river each year through the use of the organization's river crew, composed of people from the local community, along with additional stream enhancements by use of a heavylift helicopter.

Huron Pines, in partnership with the AuSable North Branch Area Association, was the first to pioneer the use of a heavy-lift helicopter for stream habitat improvements east of the Mississippi.

In recent years much of the large woody debris effort has focused on the North Branch of the river, with great results.

"Trout populations are responding favorably and we're seeing larger fish on the North Branch where much of the work has already been done," Sendek said. "Only time will tell, but we're very optimistic that the program is working the way it is supposed to."

The agreement with the DNR also includes the funding/necessary to excavate and remove sediment from eight established sediment traps in the river, helping to address problems created by the number one source of pollution in the river - excess sand entering from road and stream crossings and recreational access points.

For years, Huron Pines has worked to address the source of these problems by implementing the best management practices at major erosion sites.

In agreement with DNR Fisheries staff, Huron Pines believes that the continued use of in stream sediment basins is effective in targeted locations such as the ones utilized for the project.

"In high-quality northern Michigan river systems, excess sand is often considered the number one pollutant, as it reduces the quality of stream bottom habitat for aquatic insects and fish, increases downstream erosion as a result of the widening of the river, and then warms river temperatures due to the widened and more shallow stream," Jensen said. "Warming water temperatures are one of the most critical threats to the coldwater fish species in the AuSable River system."

Huron Pines officials said they are pleased to work with the DNR and other state conservation organizations to enhance the health of the AuSable River.

"The popular river system brings millions of dollars worth of recreation dollars into the area, but without the investment of stream enhancement programs like this one, the quality of those recreation opportunities are diminished," Jensen said

# Rotary Club honors members at banquet

The Rotary Club of Grayling recently held its annual awards banquet at the Ramada Inn in Grayling to honor some of its members.

The Paul Harris Fellowship Award was given to Bruce Schroeder, a retired pharmacist, who has been a member of the Rotary Club of Grayling since 1994. The Paul Harris Fellowship Award is given in honor of Paul Harris, who organized the first Rotary Club. The award is given to an individual who shows exemplary service. not only to the Rotary Club, but also to the entire community.

The Service Above Self Award

was presented to Brad Summers, the owner of Summer's Dealer Services, who has been a Rotarian since 2001. The award is given to a Rotarian who has been an outstanding member during the past year, participating in the organization's fundraisers and other activities, and is very dedicated to the goals of the Rotary Club.

Perfect attendance awards were given to: Craig Denholm and Doniel Pummell - one year; III, four years; Diane Tompkins-Monte Burmeister. Grisham and Therese Kaiser two years; Mike Dunckel - three years: Brad Summers - five years; Larry Akers - six years;

Jim Burtch and Brad Scheer eight years.

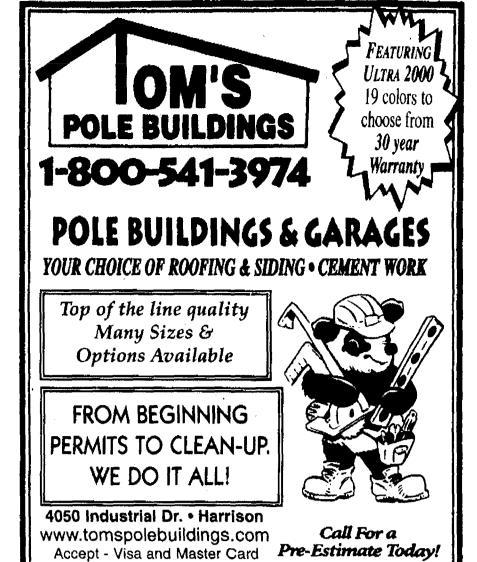
John Alef, Jim Burtch and Randy Thompson were honored with awards for being members of the Rotary Club of Grayling for 30 years.

Members honored for having perfect attendance since they joined the Rotary Club of Grayling included: Jason Alexander - five months; Dean Brown, two years; Fred Fisher Burtch, 15 years; Norm Schmoock, 19 years; and John Jones, 22 years.

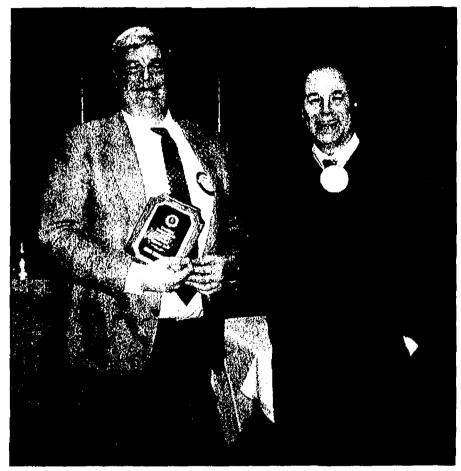
The Grayling High School Players performed excerpts from quet.

The Grayling Rotary Club raises over \$30,000 per year, and 95 percent of those funds stay in the community to support local groups and organizations.

Rotary is an organization of business and professional leaders united worldwide, who provide humanitarian services, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations and help build goodwill and peace in the world. Rotary was established in 1905 and includes over 1.2 million members worldwide. There are over 32,000 clubs in over 200 countries in the world.







The Rotary Club of Grayling recently held its annual awards banquet at the Ramada Inn in Grayling to honor some of its members. Above left, John Jones presented the Paul Harris Fellowship Award to Bruce Schroeder, a retired pharmacist, who has been a member of the Rotary Club of Grayling since 1994. Above right, Brad Scheer presented the Service Above Self Award to Brad Summers, the owner of Summer's Dealer Services, who has been a Rotarian since 2001.

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# Grayling sisters anchor Christian band

Continued from Page 1A ground or the way they look that's the last thing this world needs. If we get a chance to share the love of Jesus, the love we have felt in our lives and show kids there's a better way out there, then we have done our jobs. We have changed a life for the better."

Jessie serves as the lead singer/screamer for the band, and Niki handles the duties behind the drum kit. The sisters have been writing, performing and composing music for 12 years. The band is rounded out by lead guitarist Mike Fiel and bassist Sam Bengston, who both live in Gaylord.

Jessie and Niki help operate The Matrix Youth Center in Grayling, sharing the vision of their parents, Julie and David Bobenmoyer, to reach out to the younger generation and show

them the love of Jesus Christ. Fiel and Bengston also share that vision, using their talents at churches they attend in Gaylord.

Last month, Hail Your Highness recorded their first CD at a Grand Rapids recording studio. Darin Distance, the owner of "Not Your Mother's Music," saw performances of Hail Your Highness performing with acoustic instruments YouTube.com. After a number of conversations with band members, Distance took the band under his wing and gave them an opportunity to broaden their horizons. The CD was recorded at Front Street Sound Studio in Grand Rapids.

David Moet, co-owner for the studio, said he was impressed with what he heard and saw in the young band, as they were taking part in their recording sessions.

Jessie said that while some people don't feel that God can speak through heavy music, Hail Your Highness believes they can reach others through anything.

"We believe that we are a band with a calling to change lives with our music, in a world that is searching for something more," Jessie said. "We are unashamed and proud to say the reason we write, the reason we are alive and the reason we play music is to glorify our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Without him, we are nothing and if we get a chance to share that and do some good in this world, then that's all we can ask for."

For more information about the band, people can go to www.myspace.com/hailyourhighness. Listeners can also vote to have the band play on the famed punk rock Warped Tour.

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# Judge Murphy files for circuit court



Judge Dennis Murphy

46th Circuit Judge Dennis Murphy has filed for re-election in November to continue serving on the Circuit Court bench in Crawford, Kalkaska and Otsego Counties.

In announcing his candidacy, Murphy stated, "I pledge to continue serving all the residents in our three county Circuit with fairness and common sense. Hard working, law abiding citizens expect and require that their circuit judge will treat felony cases seriously, and crimes involving children and vulnerable adults will continue to be my highest priority. I promise to continue my tough, no-nonsense approach in each and every case."

The Circuit Court hears all criminal felony cases, as well as civil cases involving money

claims in excess of \$25,000. Judge Murphy has served on the Circuit Court in Crawford, Kalkaska and Otsego Counties since 1996. His prior experience includes both the private practice of law and 15 years in criminal prosecutions, including his work as Chief Drug Unit prosecutor in Genesee County and the Otsego County Prosecuting Attorneys

Judge Murphy and his wife, Terry, have three children.

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#### ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

# Pope's visit to USA attracts rock-star attention

AS POPE BENEDICT XVI begins his first - and perhaps only - visit to the United States, the population of faith worldwide has shifted toward Islam.

There is no connection between these two developments. Pope Benedict's trip to Washington and New York, culminating in a huge outdoor mass at Yankee Stadium, has attracted rock-star attention across the country.

Catholics and others have figuhatively jostled for the opportuniby to catch a glimpse of Pope Benedict. Elected in 2005, Pope Benedict is 81, so this could be his only visit to America.

He has not been the same world traveler as his predecessor, Pope John Paul II, but John Paul became pope at an earlier age, and had a strong penchant for traveling world wide, including several visits to the United States. Any pope coming to this country attracts major attention and pverflow crowds because America has a large Catholic population, and what any pope

does or says has repercussions not only here but around the

Pope Benedict's trip will be well chronicled by newspapers, television and other media, and his messages, along with their meanings and nuances, will be dissected and interpreted for many months.

THE RISE OF Islam to become the world's most populous religion was reported, oddly enough, by the Vatican a few weeks ago.

"For the first time in history, we are no longer at the top; Muslims have overtaken us," is the quote attributed to Msgr. Vittorio Formenti in the Vatican newspaper L'Osservatore Romano. Msgr. Formenti compiles the Vatican yearbook.

Apparently it's not that Catholicism worldwide is dwindling, but that Islam is growing.

Citing 2006 figures, the monsignor said Catholics held stable at 17.4 percent of the world population, and Muslims grew to 19.2 percent.

The monsignor cited birth rates, claiming "while Muslim families continue to make a lot of children. Christian ones tend to have fewer and fewer."

As a Catholic, I would suggest there may be more reasons than birth patterns for this development, but that's another essay for another time.

Other Christian denominations, added to the total of Catholics, make up 33 percent of the world population, Msgr. Formenti said. That still tops a religious one. Islam.

Figures on Muslims were provided by Muslim countries to the United Nations, and the Vatican produced Catholic figures.

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CATHOLICS MAKE up about 25 percent of the population in the United States, according to some recent polls.

How deeply these American Catholics hold their Catholic beliefs and how faithfully they follow Catholic practices are different matters. Those figures vary

all over the place.

But any pope's visit to their homeland is a major event for anyone considering himself/herself Catholic, and that's a lot of people in this country.

While this will be his first trip here as pope, Benedict made five visits here as Cardinal Ratzinger. He has traveled to seven other countries since elected pope in 2005.

The growth of Islam worldwide seems to me to be more of a world political development than

In the real old days, Christians joined religion to government in many nations, which resulted in problems for both church and state, including armed conflict.

So did Islam in those earlier times, but Muslims in modern times seem to continue the marriage of religion and governance in some nations, whereas Christians wisely have abandoned that idea.

"Ethnic cleansing," today's soft definition for mass murder, often is based on religion. For religionists of any calling to persecute followers of another faith continues to be reprehensible, no matter who is doing what to whom.

TED TURNER TURNS -Speaking of religion:

Ted Turner, the communications genius who conceived and nurtured many pioneering ideas in electronic communications including CNN and the idea of 24-hour television news, also was well known for his antipathy to formalized religion.

I heard him give a speech a dozen or more years ago in which he dismissed the Commandments as the "Ten Suggestions." My regard for him plummeted then and remains at a low point, even though he has amassed huge piles of money, and spends a lot of it in worthwhile ways.

Ted Turner may finally have seen the light.

A recent newspaper clip, citing Associated Press as a source, reports that Mr. Turner, "who

once called Christianity a religion for losers," has undertaken a \$200 million effort with Lutherans and Methodists to fight malaria in Africa, which is the type of worthwhile thing he has repeatedly done with his mil-

lions. The news report said he apologized for his past criticism of religion, called faith a "bright spot" in the world, and said "I regret anything I said about religion that was negative," according to the AP item.

He also noted that he is "always developing" his thinking as he ages.

I have noted through the years that when folks approach the socalled golden years, it's not unusual to "develop their thinking" as to what happens next in their lives ... and after their lives.

Ted Turner, now 69, is no exception.

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

## **WASHINGTON NOTES**

By Carl Levin, U.S. Senator (D-Michigan)

# Keeping families in their homes

More and more homeowners are having trouble keeping up with their mortgage payments, particularly when they have adjustable rate mortgages (ARMs). Michigan has seen an increase in the number of foreclosure filings of 282 percent since 2005.

The foreclosure crisis in Michigan has compounded the crisis in manufacturing. Although the U.S. has lost three million manufacturing obs since he took office, the Bush Administration continues to disregard our manufacturing sector. While we await an administration that will support a broad based American manufacturing initiative that can boost our economy as a whole, we also need to act immediately to address the mortgage crisis directly.

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among federal, state and local govemments, community and neighborhood organizations, and lenders, brokers and borrowers. A comprehensive solution is the only way to keep people in their homes and to maintain a housing market where families will have an opportunity to own a home and where property values are stable.

Recently, I convened a series of roundtable meetings in a number of Michigan communities. Leaders from local and state governments, as well as organizations that are in the trenches working with families facing foreclosure, came together to discuss practical ways to help homeowners and protect our economy from further damage.

Participants in the meetings said that communities would like to That will require a team effort rehabilitate abandoned and fore-

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will succeed.

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closed properties so that surrounding property values do not fall. But currently the funds do not exist to do

We heard that foreclosure prevention counselors are overwhelmed and that a lack of funds is tying the hands of local groups trying to help keep families on track.

We also heard that many home, owners face the financial pressures of owing more on their mortgages than the dollar value of their houses. Participants in the meetings discussed the need for more affordable loans that would help these families refinance and stay in their current homes. Most homeowners do not want to uproot their children and leave their community behind, even if the balance of their mortgage is greater than the current market value of their home.

The Senate is considering a housing stimulus package that includes a number of proposals to address some of the problems raised in my roundtable meetings. The bill includes increased federal grants to areas with the highest foreclosure rates to help rehabilitate abandoned properties and prevent further damage to local housing values. The bill also provides funds for pre-foreclosure counseling, and it authorizes states to issue new tax-exempt bonds to help homeowners refinance adjustable rate mortgages.

Congress has already taken some modest action to help limit the impact of the foreclosure epidemic for taxpayers. In December, we passed the Mortgage Forgiveness Debt Relief Act, based on Senator Debbie Stabenow's legislation that I cosponsored, which allows homeowners to have their mortgage debt forgiven by a lender without being penalized on their income tax returns. Previously, the forgiven debt was taxed as income, resulting in a significant and unexpected tax bill that further exacerbated financial problems of homeowners trying to avoid foreclosure.

In my meetings with Michigan citizens who are working on foreclosure issues, they made clear that a number of commonsense measures can be helpful in confronting this problem. Hopefully Congress will enact some of these measures shortly. I will continue to work for legislation that will make a difference for Michigan homeowners who find themselves on the ropes. Effective action to address the mortgage crisis is critical for us to secure Michigan's and this nation's economic future.

# What Do You Think?

The Crawford County Avalanche welcomes its readers to comment on news, features, and opinion articles including letters to the editor and Richard Milliman's weekly Almanack column - on our Internet site at www.crawfordeountyavalanche.com

To express an opinion on a news, feature, or op-ed article, click on a story and scroll down to the "What do you think?" header (it's highlighted with a red color bar). Fill in your name and type your comments in the area provided, and click the "Post Comment" icon when finished. Existing comments are listed between the "What do you think?" header and the area to post new comments. Readers are also welcome to respond

to comments posted by other readers. All comments are subject to approval by Crawford County Avalanche management prior to publication on our Internet site. Comments are limited to 200 words,

Excerpts from recent comments

posted on our Internet site: Philip wrote on April 4 (regarding proposed theme park): "I'm not from Grayling, but love to go up there to enjoy the outdoors. I love the forests, the rivers, the lakes, etc. I would hate to see a lot natural beauty destroyed for an amusement park. The idea is a terri-

ble one that won't be successful," Marti wrote on April 5 (regarding proposed theme park): "Unbelievable officials would even consider this. The facts are there are a few Beaver Creek Twp. and Crawford County officials who own failed businesses and they think the theme park will revive them. The voters need to know what is really going on here. Good luck to the small contractors - they will end up losing everything."

Barb wrote on April 5 (regarding proposed theme park): "Is this the same (Grayling area officials) that thought leasing and improving a parking lot from someone who is buying buildings, and turning downtown into a ghost town, a good idea? Sounds like a trend, like backing someone who is 'indulging' his 'inner child' with the ludicrous notion of a dry-docked aircraft carrier, etc. Maybe the carrier can be used for storage, since that is how the past endeavor ended after the bankruptcy! Calling this a 'theme' park is laughable, it's an 'indulgence.' The jobs that provided expendible income are rapidly disappearing. All expenses, just for everyday existence, are climbing. Fuel prices will be very inhibitive as far as recreational use, let alone just trying to go to work. If one can vacation at a place closer to their home, what do you think?"

Sam wrote on April 7 (regarding proposed theme park): "Do Grayling officials ever read the Avalanche? If they did why do we keep hearing everyone is on board for this proposed 'theme park'? Are the members of City Council so desperate that anything that has the whiff of money will garner their vote? Or maybe they are con-

cerned that if they don't do something, anything, they will not be re-elected to office. Doing the wrong thing, in my opinion, should be grounds for supporting another candidate in the next

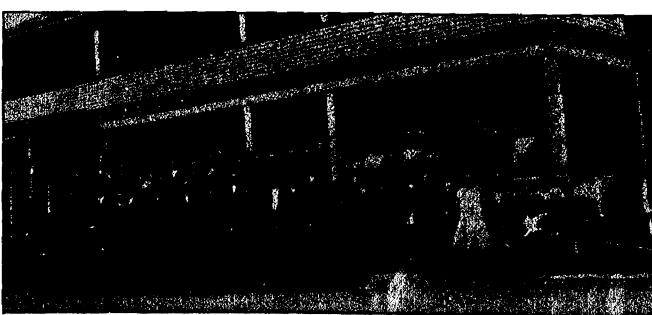
Derek wrote on April 7 (regarding proposed theme park); There is a reason that the 'finacial backers' are backing out. Attendence is way down at all theme parks, cost of living is up, wages are down. Everyone would like to see good paying jobs come to this area but they're not going to sail in on a landlocked aircraft carrier."

Pat wrote on April 8 (regarding proposed theme park): "Most of the officials involved need to be replaced, as this is simply another debacle, in the history of Crawford County. The time and taxpayer money spent on pursuing this laughable project could have been utilized to recruit a business or two that actually might open, and provide living wage employment."

Cam wrote on April 10 (regarding proposed theme park): "This situation would be laughable if it was not so pathetic. The 'officials' can collect all of the signatures they want ... and hold all the 'rah-rah' sessions they wish ... it all comes down to money, period. The hours of time spent on this, which equates to taxpayer dollars, is ridiculous. I personally believe that it is time for the replacement of elected and appointed officials from the top down. What's next ... an NFL expansion team and a shiny new football stadium?"

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# Historically Speaking



The above photo of the Douglas Hotel, taken in 1915, which is now the Fuller's North Branch Outing Club, used to be a fishing and hunting lodge in the early 20th century. Guests included many famous American business titans. The hotel was expanded twice to accommodate the flood of sportsmen that found their way to little Lovells and the North Branch of the AuSable River. As part of this year's trout fishing historical exhibit, the Lovells Township Historical Society will focus on the life and times of Thomas E. Douglas, who also built the hotel. The exhibit will be on display in the log museum during the sixth annual trout opener in Lovells on Saturday, April 26.

Submitted by The Lovells Township Historical Society

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Last week's online poll question and results:

What do you think of the proposed Main Street

It will be built, but it

will not be successful.

33 votes

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Carl Levin is the senior U.S. Senator from Michigan.

#### Blood drives to be held

The American Red Cross will hold two blood drives in April. The first one will be held on Friday, April 25, at the Evangelical Free Church, 1649 M-32 East, Gaylord, from noon - 5:45 p.m, and is sponsored by RSVP and the Gaylord Rotary Club. A blood drive will be held on Wednesday, April 30, at Otsego Memorial Hospital, 825 Center St., Gaylord, from 9 a.m. - 2:45 p.m., and is sponsored by Otsego Memorial Hospital.

#### **Project Graduation to hold sale**

Project Graduation will hold a fund-raiser garage sale on Saturday, April 19, from 9 a.m - 4 p.m. at the AuSable Primary School cafeteria. Donations are still being accepted. Call Cheryl Boylan at 348-2745, or drop items off at the AuSable Primary School, after 3:30 p.m., on Friday, April 18. No clothing accepted. All proceeds to go towards Project Graduation.

#### Free divorce clinic to be held

A free divorce clinic will take place at the Crawford County Courthouse on April 24, at 5:30 p.m. It is sponsored by the 46th Judicial Circuit Bar Association, Legal Services of Northern Michigan, Inc., and River House Shelter, Inc. For information, call Legal Services at 989-705-1067.

#### Hartwick Pines to host Earth Day activities

Hartwick Pines will host Earth Day activities on April 22, which is Earth Day, and they will have an 'Earth Day Celebration" on Saturday, April 26, with activities for school groups on both days. Activities will include hikes along the Old Growth Trail, instructional programs on birdwatching, birdhouse and bat house designs, recycling and more. For more information, contact Craig Kasmer at kasmerc@michigan.gov, or call the Visitor Center at 989-348-2537.

#### Sheep to shawl demonstrations to be held

Hartwick Pines will host a sheep to shawl demonstration by the AuSable Manistee Fiber Guild on Saturday, April 19, at the Hartwick Pines Visitor Center, from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Carding, the spinning and plying of wool yarn, dressing a loom and weaving will be demonstrated.

#### GHS band to host concert and awards night

The Grayling High School Band will present their annual spring band concert and awards night on Wednesday, April 23, at 7 p.m., at the Grayling High School Auditorium. Admission is free and open to the public. The High School Band, the High School Jazz Band, and small ensembles from every section of the band, will perform music that will also be performed on their trip to Chicago.

#### Straits Area Ostomy Assoc. to meet

The Straits Area Ostomy Association will hold its regular meeting on Sunday, April 20, at 2 p.m., in the cafeteria at Cheboygan Memorial Hospital, Cheboygan. All ostomates and interested persons are invited. Call 989-821-5721 for information.

#### Percussion ensemble to perform

Resonators Percussion Ensemble will perform as part of the Grayling Promotional Association Entertainment Series on Saturday, April 19, at the Grayling High School Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available for \$12 for adults and \$10 for seniors and students, and are available at the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce or at the door. For more information, call the Grayling Chamber at 989-348-2921.

#### MSU offers soil testing

The Crawford County MSU Extension will test soil to find levels of phosphorus, potassium and to find the soil's pH. An extension educator will then make recommendations for specific nutrient or lime requirements to meet the needs of the types of plants that will be grown. For more information, contact the Crawford County MSU Extension office at 989-344-3264.

#### Matrix to hold concert

The Matrix Youth Center will hold a CD release concert for the band "Hail Your Highness" on Friday, April 18. The band "Forever Affect" will open the concert at 7 p.m., with band members formerly from the band "Oneyerry" from Battle Creek. The doors open at 6 p.m. Tickets are now on sale for \$5, or \$10 for a royal ticket that includes an HYH CD at the door. For more information, contact 989-348-2025 or www.myspace.com/the\_matrix49\_1.

#### Hartwick Pines "Swampers" to meet

The Hartwick Pines Base Ball Club "Swampers" will be holding an informational meeting on Thursday, April 24, at 7 p.m., at the Visitor Center at Hartwick Pines. This is for anyone interested in learning about what vintage base ball is, the 1860 rules, the types of equipment used and how you can become a member of the team. Weekly practices will begin in May.

#### GHS ski team to hold breakfast

The GHS ski team will be hosting a pancake breakfast on Sunday, April 20, at the American Legion, from 8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. All proceeds will go towards new uniforms.

#### GMS activity night rescheduled

The GMS activity night for Friday, April 18, has been cancelled and is rescheduled for Thursday, April 24, from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. The free parent session on "Internet Safety" will take place during the rescheduled activity night in the GMS media center. Call 344-3558 with any questions.

#### RAFFLE WINNERS

**Grayling Youth Booster Club** 

The 50/50 raffle winners for April 13 of \$25 each; Bill Holton, Carolyn Osborne, Steve Brinks and Mark Hartman.

# Alexander, Andrews to head Lovells Trout Opener

The Lovells Township Historical Society has lined up world-famous trout fisheries research biologist Gaylord Alexander and internationally known flytier Jeff "Bear" Andrews as featured presenters at its sixth annual Trout Opener on Saturday, April 26.

Alexander, retired head of the Department of Natural Resources Hunt Creek Research Station near Lewiston, will discuss his trout research on the North Branch of the AuSable River from 1956 until his retirement in 1995.

Andrews, winner of numerous fly tying awards and creator of several steelhead and trout patterns, will demonstrate his skill behind the vice.

The society will also open its sixth consecutive history of trout fishing exhibit in the log museum. The exhibit will focus on the life and times of T.E. Douglas, who built the Douglas Hotel (now Fuller's North Branch Outing Club) as a fishing and hunting lodge in the early twentieth century and whose guests included many famous American business titans. The museum is the only one in Michigan that annually

features exhibits on the history of trout fishing.

The opener, which will begin at 10 a.m. and end at 4 p.m., will also feature a casting demonstration with vintage bamboo fly rods and a free lunch. All events are free and open to the public.

The schedule of events for the day will be as follows:

10 a.m. - 4 p.m. - T.E. Douglas exhibit in the log museum will be

10 a.m. - noon - Jeff "Bear" Andrews will be tying in the township hall and vintage bamboo fly rod casting will be held on the township grounds.

Lunch will be held from noon -I p.m. at the guide's tent on the township grounds.

1 p.m. - 2 p.m. - Gaylord Alexander's talk in the township hall will be held.

2 p.m. - 4 p.m. - Jeff "Bear" Andrews will be tying in the township hall and vintage bamboo fly rod casting will be held on the township grounds.

For more information, contact Roger Fechner, president of the Lovells Township Historical Society, at 517-265-9561 or 989-348-4880.

#### Festival buttons now on sale

Festival buttons for the upcoming 15th annual Kirtland's Warbler Festival (KWF) are now on sale at local chamber of commerce offices.

Persons 15 years and older are required to purchase a festival button for \$5 to attend any of the festival events on Saturday, May 17, at Kirtland Community College's main campus near Roscommon. Children 14 and under will be admitted free.

While the price for the festival button is the same as last year, the button has even greater value for festival-goers in 2008. The Kirtland Center for the Performing Arts will be hosting a special performance of The Great Lakes Myth Society at 7 p.m. on May 17. Tickets for the concert are \$10 per person, or just \$5 for those wearing a festival button.

"Festival costs in almost every area have gone up," said Jim Enger, KWF Committee chairman and Kirtland's director of marketing. "But we want to keep this an event that everyone is able to attend, because it's an educational event, a community festival and a celebration of nature all

rolled into one."

There's plenty for the young and the old to see and do at the festival. Along with various nationally known nature presenters and field trips to see the endangered Kirtland's warbler, there will also be horse-drawn wagon tours, live animal displays, a fishing pond, youth activities, live entertainment and

The 2008 KWF button, designed by Kirtland art instructor Scott Rice, will be available for \$5 at the college's main entrance on the day of the festival. Or, individuals may purchase their button in advance for just \$3 at various area chamber of commerce offices, as well as at the switchboard/receptionist desk at the college's Student Center.

#### Farm Park to host Annual Plow Day

Now that the weather is beginning to warm, area farmers are making ready their equipment to begin the spring planting. Fields that will be used for the growing of corn, oats, pumpkins and barley need to be plowed in preparation for planting. The turning of the first furrows in the spring was a very special time for the early farmers. There is no smell that can compare to the smell of freshly turned earth in the early

spring. In commemoration of this once a year event, Wellington Farm, USA, near Grayling will sponsor their Annual Spring Plow Day. This event will be held on Saturday, April 26, and will begin at 9 a.m.

Tractor buffs are cordially invited to bring their tractors and plows to make a few rounds.

"If you do not have a plow, Wellington Farm has one you can hook to. If you do not have a tractor, but would like to try your hand at turning a furrow, there will be plenty of tractors and plows on hand and someone will surely allow you to take a turn. If you have never plowed before, plenty of advise will be available and someone who has the experience will ride with you to make sure you don't get into trouble," said Howard Taylor.

Wellington Farm, USA, is located on Military Road, southwest of Grayling. Wellington is a 60-acre living history farm set in the year of 1932. No admission will be charged for plow day, just come on out and enjoy the spring, watch the plowing and give it a try if you would like.

Walk the furrow behind one of the tractors the way kids did 75

"And, for just \$5, it's still a terrific bargain considering all the activities available throughout the day," he added.

For more information about the festival, including a full schedule of events, visit online at http://warbler.kirtland.edu/ or call 989-275-5000, extension

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obtained by calling 989-348-5187, visiting the Web site at www.wellingtonfarmpark.org, or e-mailing us at howard@i2k.net. Wellington Farm, USA, is owned and operated by Wellington Farm Park, Inc., a 501@nonprofit corporation.

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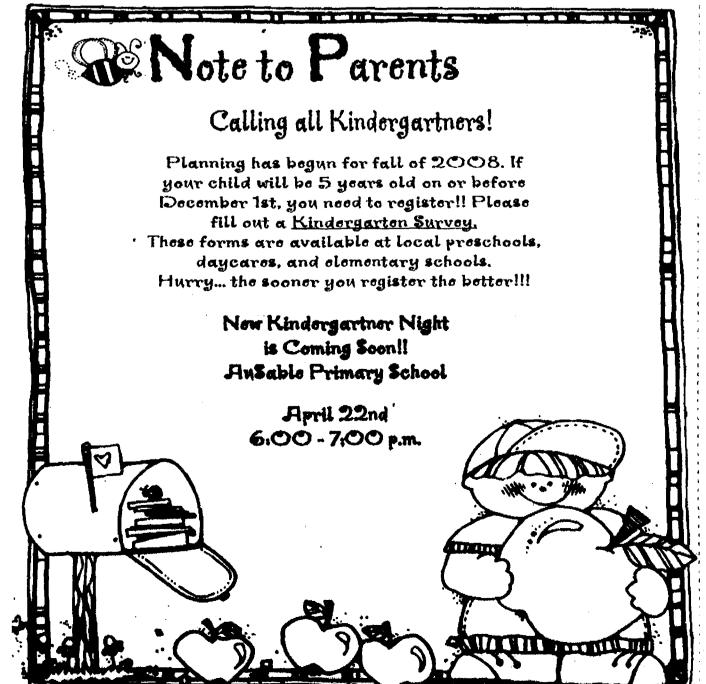
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# The Bible Speaks

#### **Spiritual Law** and Carnal Flesh

The central concept of Romans 7 is the importance of our union with Jesus Christ as the key to our sanctification. "....Ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ...." Romans 7 proves the impossibility of being made holy by keeping God's law. God's law can only give us knowledge of our sin, it does not have power to give us victory over sin. We cannot blame God's law for our sinfulness because God's law is Holy, Just and Good as Romans 7:12 states.

The last half of Romans 7 reminds us that our own carnal nature is the real cause of our sin problems as Christians. "For we know that the law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin." (Rom. 7:14). The apostle Paul, one of the greatest saints in church history blamed his own carnal nature for his sin problems. Jesus spoke of the old birth and the new birth in John 3:6: "That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit." Our fleshly birth connects us with the fallen, sinful nature of Adam. Our new birth through faith in Jesus Christ connects us with the divine nature. (2 Pet 1:4). 1 Corinthians 15 reminds us of

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the difference between the spiritual and the natural. "44It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body. 45And so it is written. The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit. 46Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual." Christians will become free of all sin at the resurrection and glorification of our physical bodies.

We were sold under sin by Adam's sin as the representative head of the human race. We studied this back in Romans 5. Verse 15 "....through the offence of one many be dead....;" Verse 16, "....judgment was by one to condemnation...;" Verse 17, "....For if by one man's offence death reigned by one...;" Verse 18, "....Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation...;" And verse 19, "....For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners...."

Just as God's holy law does not change our sinful nature, neither does it control our sinful nature. Paul said in Romans 7:15: "For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I." Paul admits

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God's law teaches him what is wrong, but it does not stop him from doing wrong. Paul admits God's law teaches him what is right, but it does not empower him to do right. Paul admits God's law teaches him what to hate as evil, but that does not stop him from doing evil. As Paul taught in Galatians 5:17: "For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would."

Many Christians live a life of failure described in Romans 7 because they trust their own ability to live in obedience to God's law. The key to victory is neither in our flesh nor God's law, but through personal faith and trust in the indwelling God who sanctifies us through God's Word, (John 17:7), by conforming us to the image of Jesus Christ. No wonder Paul said in verse 24,25a: "240 wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death? 25I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord...." Pastor "B"

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### **OBITUARIES**

Wayne W. Gelinski, Jr. Wayne Walter Gelinski, Jr., 42, of Elba, Ala., passed away on April 8, 2008.

He was was a member of the Elba Church of God.

He is survived by his father, Wayne Walter Gelinski, Sr.; mother, Carolyn Elaine Gelinski of Elba, Ala.; sister, Dawn Michelle Gelinski of Elba, Ala.; brothers, Robert Lane Gelinski of Grayling, Michael Paul Hettinger, Jr., of Augusta, Ga.; nephews: Hunter White of Elba, Ala., Matthew Anthony of Augusta, Ga., Nicholas Anthony of Augusta, Ga.; Krystyna nieces, Gelinski and Victoria Hettinger of Elba, Ala.; cousin, Janet (David) Siersma of Ardmore, Ala.; aunts, Debra (Robert) Adkison of Coffee Springs, Ala., Clara (Titus) Brewer of Huntsville, Ala.; uncles: Paul Emil, Larry Wilson and Earl Wilson, all of Covington, Ga., Lloyd (Andy) Wilson of Deland, Fla., Terry Hathcock of Detroit, Tony Hathcock of Dearborn Heights, Kevin (Kathy) Hathcock of Elba, Ala., Keith Hathcock of Coffee Springs, Ala. and Kenneth (Kim) Hathcock of Geneva, Ala.; and several cousins.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents: Paul and Margie Gelinski, Lane and Margie Wilson and Betty Wilson.

A funeral service was held on April 11, at Hayes Funeral Home Chapel, with Rev. Ron Stallard officiating.

Contributions may be made to the Elba Church of God, 1222 Davis Street, West Elba, Ala., food bank.

Arrangements made by Hayes Funeral Home, Elba,

#### Howard D. Ervin

Aug. 7, 1949 - April 12, 2008 Howard Dean Eryin, 58, of Grayling, passed away on April 12, 2008.

He was born in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, on August 7, 1949, to the late Charles Wilburn Ervin and Norla Lee (Walls) Ervin.

He was married to Nola Adair (Merthew) Ervin for 40 years.

He was an insurance salesman, an avid hunter and a fisherman. He enjoyed raising and caring for his beloved coon hounds.

He is survived by daughters, Melody (Oscar) Jimenez of Grayling, Angel (Cal) Dutton of Frederic; son, Toby (Jackie) Ervin of Grayling; 11 grandchildren; sister, Alma (Roy) Hull of Grayling; brother, L.J. (Rhonda) Ervin of Grayling.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, John; sisters: Ruby, Mandy Charlene.

A funeral service will be held at Grayling Assembly of God, Grayling, on Wednesday, April 16, at 2 p.m., with Pastor Gary Wojdan officiating.

Interment will be held at Lakeside Cemetery in Howell, on Thursday, April 17, at 2p.m.

Condolences may be sent to www.sorensonlockwood.com. Arrangements made Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

#### Reginald Kalbfliesch

Reginald Kalbfliesch, 67, of Grayling, passed away on April 10, 2008. A memorial service will take place in the summer. Condolences may be sent to www.sorensonlockwood.com. Arrangements made Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral





Myrtle M. McPhail

June 15, 1917 - April 13, 2008 Myrtle M. McPhail, R.N., 90, of Haslett, formerly of Grayling, passed away on April 13, 2008, at Burcham Hills Retirement Community in East Lansing, where she has resided since October 2006.

She was born in Seneca County, Ohio, on June 15, 1917, to the late Clair and Sadie (Hannah) Melroy, Sr.

In June, 1944, while serving in the U.S. Army, she married Lt. John J. McPhail on the Isle of Capri, Italy. He was later killed in battle on June 15, 1945, near Marseille, France.

She was a 1st Lieutenant in the U.S Army Nurse Corps during WW II.

She was formerly employed as a nurse for the General Electric Plant in Tiffin, Ohio, from 1947 - 1968. She also served as a public health nurse at District Health Department #1 in Grayling.

She was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church and enjoyed singing in the choir, serving on the church council and volunteering for the American Red Cross.

She was a loving mother, grandmother, a wonderful friend, a compassionate and caring nurse and she will be missed greatly by all who knew her. Through her grace-filled life, God touched many hearts.

We thank God that He shared her with us.

She is survived by her son, John D. (Linda) McPhail of Okemos, granddaughters: Elizabeth (Matthew Uehlein), Melissa, Amanda; nephew, K.Dale (Cheryl) Melroy of Grayling; and great-niece, Annie Melroy of Grayling.

She was preceded in death by her husband; brother, Clair D. Melroy, Jr., and step-mother, Merle (Patterson) Melroy of Frederic.

A memorial service will be held on May 3, at 1 p.m., at Faith Lutheran Church, 4515 Dobie Rd., Okemos, with Pastor Jim Wenger officiating. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service.

Interment will be at a later date in Grayling.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to: the American Red Cross, Mid-Michigan Chapter, 1800 E. Grand River Ave., P.O. Box 30101, Lansing, 48909-7601; to the American Heart Association, Memorials and Tributes Lockbox, 3816 Paysphere Circle, Chicago, IL 60674; to Great Lakes Hospice, 3100-B West Road, Suite 203, East Lansing, MI 48823; or to the Burcham Hills Foundation, 2700 Burcham Dr., East Lansing, MI 48823; in honor of Myrtle M. McPhail.

Arrangements made by Gorsline Runciman Funeral Homes, East Lansing.

#### Kelly J. Dunmire Dec. 4, 1960 - April 9, 2008

Kelly Jean Dunmire, 47, of Roscommon, passed away on April 9, 2008.

A funeral service was held on April 11, at Markey Baptist Church, in Markey Township. Arrangements made by Walsh Funeral Home, Roscommon.



#### SENIOR **CITIZEN** NEWS

Join us for a meal either at noon or 5 p.m. weekdays, except Friday, when there is no evening meal. Soup or salad bar served prior to the meal Monday through Thursday.

This week's menu (lunch/dinner) and activities:

Friday, April 18 - Lunch - oven fried chicken, baked beans, cole slaw and fresh fruit salad. No Dinner. 10 a.m. Tone and Tubes, 12 p.m. Lovells Satellite meal, 1 p.m. Pantry Bingo.

Monday, April 21 - Lunch beef ravioli, broccoli, mixed vegetables and applesauce. Dinner - Swiss steak, baked potato, asparagus and pears. 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Back On Duty, 1 p.m. Bridge.

Tuesday, April 22 - Lunch shepherd's pie, cauliflower, honey-nut apples and grapes. Dinner - salmon patties with cream sauce, peas and carrots, green beans and peaches. 10 a.m. Tone and Tubes and Bible Study, 1 p.m. Euchre and Sit and Be Fit, 4 p.m. - 5 p.m. blood pressure/sugar checks; 5:30 p.m. game night.

Wednesday, April 23 - Lunchdeluxe hamburger on a bun, O'Brien potatoes, peas and mandarin oranges. Dinner - chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, succotash, mixed fruit and a peanut butter brownie. 10 a.m. line dancing and tenant council meeting, 1 p.m. pool league, 5:30 p.m. Hospice of Michigan Bingo.

Thursday, April 24 - Lunchlemon pepper chicken over noodles, carrots, winter blend vegetables and fresh fruit medley. Dinner and Discussions with Director - chicken pot pie, Brussels sprouts and oranges and grapefruit. 10 a.m. craft class, 12 p.m. Kiwanis meeting, 1 p.m. COA board meeting, 2 p.m. UNO Attack, 5 p.m. Dinner and Discussion with Director.

The Crawford County Commission on Aging's Senior Center is located at 308 Lawndale, behind Burger King in Grayling. Walk-ins are wel-

# SHERIFF'S REPORT ...

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 81 complaints the week of April 7 - April 13:

One EMS response, one missing person, 14 general non-criminal complaints, two false alarm activations, three assault/intimidation/stalkings, burglary/home invasion, six larcenies, one larceny-parts and accessories, two fraud complaints, two fraudulent activities, three damage to properties, one drug/narcotic violation, one obstruction of justice, nine public peace/disorderlies, one operating while intoxicated, eight health and safeties, three conservations, one snowmobile violation, one miscellaneous criminal offense, one miscellaneous arrest, two traffic accidents, one hazardous condition, three family troubles-domestic, 12 suspicious situations and one driving violation/driving while license suspended.

Sheriff Wakefield asks: "Do you know where your children are? Please remember, our children are our future."

For more information, log on to www.crawfordsheriff.org.

# HONORS

Grand Valley State University

Grand Valley State University announced the names of students who were placed on the dean's list for the Fall 2007 semester. The list includes students who have maintained a 3.5 grade point average and have been enrolled in a minimum of 12 credits.

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# GMS names students of the month



The students selected as Grayling Middle School Students of the Month for March are, from the left: (back row) Turisa Baker, Nicole CdeBaca, Steven Enos, Bryer Fath, Ciara Johnson, Travis Kirk; (middle row) Rachel Kubinec, Kara Malm, Meagan Malm, Tandy Mitchell, Majerle Nielson, Shelby Northrup, Tianna Pillaro; (front row) Sarah Pease, Jon Petrie, Traci Stout, Yer Xiong; (not pictured) Justin Hillard, Marilyn Jankowski, Spencer Miller Hagerman, Kayla Stanley, Gene Wheeler.

# Impersonator brings 'Lucy' to life at KCPA

Suzanne LaRusch, voted the country's No. 1 female impersonator while appearing on ABC's "The Next Best Thing," will bring back to life one of television's most memorable personalities, entertainment icon Lucille Ball, at an upcoming performance at the Kirtland Center for the Performing Arts.

LaRusch will take center stage for one show only on Saturday, April 19, at 8 p.m. for "An Evening with Lucille Ball" at the KCPA, located on Kirtland Community College's main campus near Roscommon. Ticket prices are \$24 and \$22, and may be purchased online at www.kirtland.edu/kcpa or by calling the KCPA Ticket Office at 989-275-6777. Senior, student, family and group rates are available.

An Evening with Lucille Ball is based on a series of lectures, Q & A and television interviews done by the late, great Lucille Ball. Much of the material in the show was gathered firsthand from stories told to LaRusch by Ball's personal staff, friends and

family. . The performance is also one that has evolved from two other shows,"Lucy Through the Years" and "Thank You for Asking," that



Entertainment icon, Lucille Ball, will be brought back to life, through female impersonator Suzanne LaRusch, at an upcoming performance at the Kirtland Center for the Performing Arts.

LaRusch wrote and performed as the famous redhead, as well as more than 2,000 corporate, private and representing "I Love Lucy" merchandise appearances.

In 2004, LaRusch completed a 15-year stint with Universal Studios Hollywood, where she originated the "Lucy Ricardo" character for the theme parks and emceed all of their in-house award ceremonies.

\$5 for one child or \$10 per family, will be available during the performance at the Children's Learning Center located on the campus. Parents are encouraged to call in advance. Free shuttle service is also provided from the parking lot to the main lobby

The April 19 performance is sponsored in part by Flowers by Josie in Grayling and Gaylord, Child care services, for a fee of and Gannon Broadcasting Inc.

# New partnership boosts care of children, families

joined Helen DeVos Children's Hospital's Partners in Children's Health program in a move that will improve access to pediatric specialty services in the commu-

"Pediatric specialty services are something we know are important to families in our area," said Stephanie Riemer-Matuzak, CEO of Mercy Hospital Grayling. "We're excited to partner with Helen DeVos Children's Hospital to bring important resources and expertise to our community."

As part of the affiliation agreement, Helen DeVos Children's Hospital in Grand Rapids will offer assistance with quality initiatives, clinical outreach and pediatric specific continuing medical education programming for the hospital's pediatricians and other clinical staff. The affiliation also creates an opportunity for community education programs and advocacy for children's health and safety in Grayling.

"The agreement provides a framework for our hospitals to work together to strengthen pediatric care in Grayling and the surrounding community," said Bob Connors, M.D., president, Helen DeVos Children's Hospital. "It connects Mercy Hospital Grayling to a regional system of care for children dedicated to providing care close to home, and linked to a comprehensive children's hospital."

Partners in Children's Health Care was launched in 2005 and now includes 23 hospitals stretching from Berrien County to Cheboygan Hospital Cheboygan. The affiliation will be officially announced on Tuesday, April 22, at Mercy Hospital Grayling.

Helen DeVos Children's Hospital is west Michigan's largest children's hospital, serving children and families in a 37-

Mercy Hospital Grayling has county region. The teaching hospital includes more than 150 pediatric specialty physicians uniquely skilled in providing pediatric care in 40 pediatric specialties.

Mercy Hospital Grayling and its physician offices serve a seven-county area including Crawford, Roscommon, Oscoda, Otsego, Kalkaska, Montmorency and Ogemaw counties. The 90bed hospital and 45 physicians on staff provide quality local care that is complimented by a large network of specialists from Health, Munson Trinity Healthcare and other health care professionals who visit communities served by the hospital.



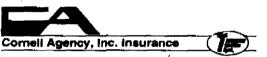
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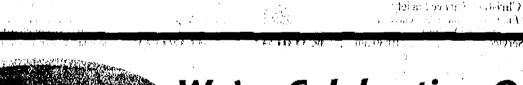
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#### Resonators Percussion Ensemble will perform April 19

H The Grayling Promotional Association's Entertainment Series will be presenting Percussion Resonators Ensemble, at the Grayling High Auditorium, School Saturday, April 19.

The Resonators Percussion Ensemble performs with approximately 13 members, Most of the instruments played are conventional percussion instruments such as mallet keyboards, timpani and drums. But, they also use unconventional items like boxes, brake drums. tools and trash cans as instruments as well. The combined effect is a performance collage of traditional sounds, captivating rhythms and energy charged

Tickets are available for \$12, or \$10 for seniors and students, and are available at the Grayling Regional Chamber Commerce or at the door.

Doors open at 6:45 p.m., with the performance beginning at 7:30 p.m.

For more information on this performance, or a schedule for the upcoming series, call the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce at 989-348-2921.

This event is presented by the **Promotional** Grayling Association in partnership with area businesses and corporations, a grant from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs and the Michigan Humanities Council.



The Resonators Percussion Ensemble perform with conventional and unconventional instruments, such as the trash cans pictured above. The Grayling Promotional Association has tickets on sale now, or at the door, for the April 19 performance at the GHS Auditorium.

# National Credit Union Youth Week April 20-26th

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# 87TH DISTRICT COURT

#### **Sentencings for March 2008** Hon. Monte J. Burmeister

John Raymond Contreras, age 43 of Boyne Falls - Sentenced on March 18, 2008, for operating suspended/revoked; ordered to serve 30 days in jail; ordered to pay \$480 in fines; placed on probation for 184 days.

Todd Wayne Lovely, age 37 of Grayling - Sentenced on March 19, 2008, for equipment violation-defective/missing; ordered to pay \$105 in fines.

Theodore Rowyn Gerow, age 45 of Grayling - Sentenced on 18. 2008, March assault/assault and battery; ordered to serve 45 days in jail; ordered to pay \$890 in fines; placed on probation for 184

Allen Michael Porter, age 47 of Merritt - Sentenced on March 11, 2008, for operating while intoxicated; ordered to pay \$800 in fines; placed on probation for 92 days.

Roxanne Spear, age 48 of Grand Haven - Sentenced on March 4, 2008, for operate while visibly impaired; ordered to pay \$920 in fines; placed on probation for 184 days.

Victor Alan Reeves, age 48 of Traverse City - Sentenced on March 4, 2008, for license suspended/revoked-allowed another suspended person to operate; ordered to serve three days in jail; ordered to pay \$260 in fines; placed on probation for 61 days.

Jeffrey Alan Klee, age 31 of Grayling - Sentenced on March 2008. for license suspended/revoked-allowed another suspended person to operate; ordered to serve three days in jail; ordered to pay \$220 in fines.

Martin John Ball, age 62 of Grayling - Sentenced on March 11, 2008, for operating without security; ordered to pay \$355 in fines.

Michael John Demoines Jr., age 26 of Frederic - Sentenced on March 25, 2008, for license suspended/revoked-allowed another suspended person to operate and operating without security; ordered to serve 30 days in jail; ordered to pay \$835 in fines; placed on probation for 184 days.

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Tabatha Eileen LaChance, age 25 of Grayling - Sentenced on March 25, 2008, for retail fraud second degree/second offense; ordered to serve five days in jail; ordered to pay \$540 in fines; placed on probation for 184

Beri Ann Duran, age 44 of Grayling - Sentenced on March 25, 2008, for retail fraud third degree; ordered to pay \$440 in fines; placed on probation for 184 days.

Annette Marie Peterson, age 44 of Grayling - Sentenced on March 11, 2008, for operate while visibly impaired; ordered to pay \$430 in fines; placed on probation for 122 days.

Thomas Bernard Braniecki, age 39 of Sterling Heights -Sentenced on March 25, 2008, for snowmobile-impaired and snowmobile careless operation; ordered to pay \$725 in fines; placed on probation for 184 days.

David Allen Gilliland, age 20 of Frederic - Sentenced on March 25, 2008, for controlled substance possession of marijuana; ordered to pay \$1,120 in fines; placed on probation for 184 days.

Michael Dominic George, age 27 of Commerce - Sentenced on March 18, 2008, for fail to display valid license; ordered to pay \$120 in fines.

Kelly G. Lee, age 44 of Osceola - Sentenced on March 31, 2008, for impeded traffic; ordered to pay \$105 in fines.

Marvin Dean Smith IV, age 19 of Grayling - Sentenced on March 25, 2008, for drugs/alcohol consumption-minor on premises and alcohol-purchase/consume/possession by minor; ordered to pay \$1,635 in fines; placed on probation for 368

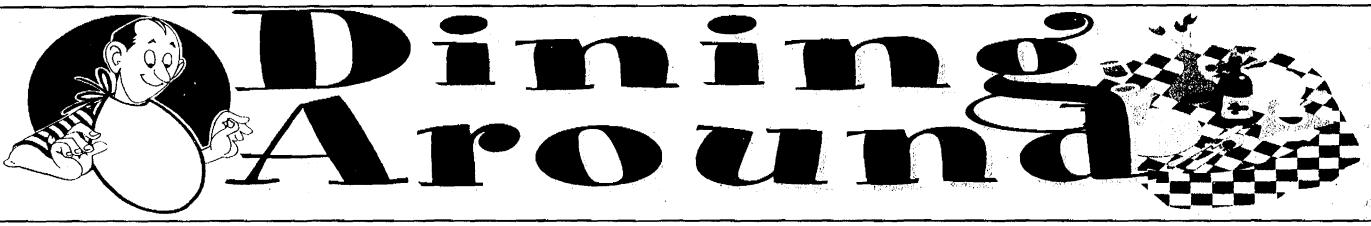
Johnathan Adam Lidster, age 18 of Eastport - Sentenced on March 4, 2008, for alcohol-purchase/consume/possession by minor; ordered to pay \$245 in

#### Magistrate Camarin Talarico

Terry Wayne Howard, age 50 of Charlotte - Sentenced on March 19, 2008, for license suspended/revoked-allowed another suspended person to operate; ordered to pay \$220 in fines.

Terry Lee Harrington, age 36 of Bay City - Sentenced on March 19, 2008, for snowmobile operator suspended-revokeddenied and operating an unregistered snowmobile; ordered to pay \$330 in fines or serve 33 days in jail.







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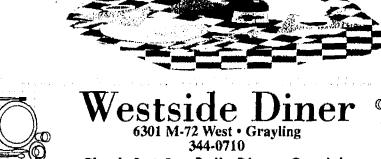
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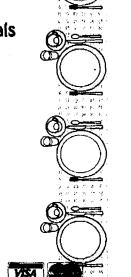
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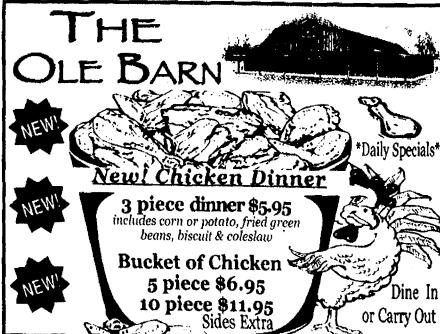
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# Poet publishes book detailing self reflection

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and is based on a painting done by Mathews' best friend Jennifer Balmes. Balmes has used some of Mathews' poetry in her creations.

Mathews, a 1999 graduate of Grayling High School, became interested in poetry when she was 14-years-old. She liked to write, but did not have a knack for fiction or an interest in nonfiction stories.

"I wanted to write, and that's just how it started," she said.

Nowadays, Mathews said that she is inspired sporadically and often writes poems during the evenings.

"Sometimes, when I can't sleep, I pick up the dictionary and will see a word that catches my interest, and it all goes from there," she said.

Mathews, the daughter of Rhonda and Jay Mathews, said she always carries paper with

her to capture her ideas.

"I go back and expound on it later," she said. "They're just floating thoughts."

Mathews has been attending Kirtland Community College, where she recently earned a certificate in massage therapy. She plans to work with Kim Hartman, another friend and Grayling High School graduate, at the AuSable Chiropractic Clinic in Mio. Mathews also works as a clerk at Charlie's Country Corner, where her books are available for pur-

Mathews said she submitted samples of her poetry to Publish America, Inc., then the company requested more of her work.

Mathews said that it has always been her goal to be published.

"Even if I never publish a second book, that's OK with me," she said.

# County secures funds for rapid response shelter

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police officers from 17 northern Michigan counties. A hazardous materials response trailer, and a weather radio tower stationed in the Cheboygan-Charlevoix area, was also purchased with the funds.

Funds left over from the grant were made available to counties in the region for county emerigency response initiatives and planning.

The rapid response shelter will be housed at the Frederic Township Fire Department,

since Frederic Township Fire Chief Doug Pratt spearheaded the application to obtain the equipment. The shelter will be lent out to other agencies in the region when they deal with large-scale emergency issues, Akers said.

The county also received about \$7,000 to procure equipment and supplies for its emergency operations center, which serves as a base for officials to coordinate response efforts when dealing with a crisis, Akers said.

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#### **DHD #10 observes Michigan Public Health Week**

In recognition of Michigan's Public Health Week, April 14 through 22, state and local public health agencies are launching a statewide awareness campaign highlighting issues important to improving the public's health.

Since 1996, the American Public Health Association has organized National Public Health Week and worked to educate the public about critical health challenges.

This year's theme, "Climate Change: Our Health in the Balance," was chosen to emphasize the direct connection between environmental change and the health of our communities today. By making informed choices, Americans can help make healthier communities a reality for every-

Public health addresses the health of the whole population, as compared to medical health care, which focuses on treatment of the individual ailment.

"We are always working to protect families and communities by preventing illness and injury," said Linda VanGills, health officer for District Health Department (DHD) #10. "We invite residents to join with us in celebrating the great successes of public health."

Since 1900, vaccination programs have resulted in the eradication or control of many diseases such as smallpox, polio, and diphtheria.

Cleaner drinking water, safer food supplies, and improved sanitation have facilitated the control of many other infectious diseases.

Better hygiene and nutrition programs have contributed to healthier mothers and babies, with decreases in both maternal and infant mortality.

Health education programs have produced declines in deaths from heart disease and stroke, and have reduced tobacco use.

Family planning and contraceptive services have allowed for greater planning of childbirth and a reduction in sexually transmitted

"Prevention remains the hall-

mark of public health. We work to provide protection from health threats, regardless of the source, by assuring conditions in which people can be healthy," said VanGills.

For more information about the 2008 National Public Health Week, visit www.nphw.org, where you will be challenged to take these five steps to a healthier cli-

1. Be prepared. Inform yourself about health threats and get ready for possible disasters.

2. Travel Differently - Walk, bike, carpool, or telecommute. 3. Eat Differently - Consume

more vegetables and locally produced foods.

4. Green Your Work - Use recycled paper and conserve energy. 5. Green Your Home - Improve

insulation, conserve water, and

recycle products.

DHD #10 serves the counties of Crawford, Kalkaska, Lake, Manistee, Mason, Mecosta, Missaukee, Newaygo, Oceana, and Wexford. For more information, visit: www.dhd10.org, or call your local county health department office.

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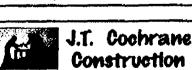
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Don and Rae Ann Schanz gave Naval Warfare: An Illustrated History in memory of Howard Cars.

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For David Lemmen from Nancy Lemmen; The Longest Silence, The Lay of the Land, Off to the Side and Gallatin Canyon.

For Sara L. Smith from Barbara J. Nelson: Art of the Family Tree, Art Around Us, Stenciling & Embossing Greeting Cards, Making Art With Paper and America's Art Museums.

Paul and Donna Thomson gave World War II; The People's Story in memory of Florian Latuszek, Metalcrafts for JC King, Story of the Detroit Tigers for John Hall, and American Naval History for Marty Kitchen.

For Lloyd Berry from Dolores Buell, The Illustrated Dictionary of American Cars and The Art of Whitetail Deception. From Lois Classic Cars, Moose Hunting, Moose: Giants of the Northern Forests and Ultimate Muscle

In memory of Marty Kitchen, John Keir donated Air Force One: A History of the Presidents and Their Planes.

The Senior Bowling League gave The Brook Book: Exploring the Smallest Streams for A.J.

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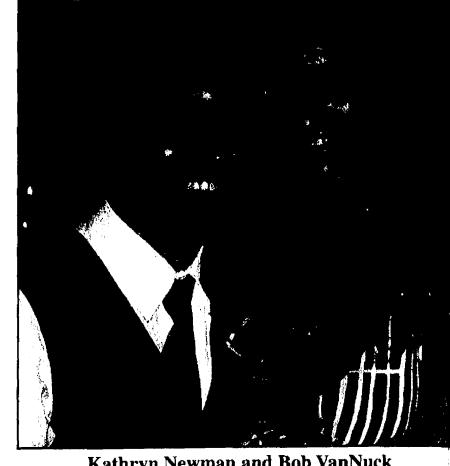
### GRAYLING **POLICE** REPORT

Grayling City Police Chief

Karl A. Schreiner reports his department handled the following complaints during the period of March 30 - April 12:

Four traffic warnings, two civil infraction citations issued, three private property accidents, one traffic accident, two civil complaints, three larceny complaints, four juvenile complaints, four alarm responses, six suspicious situations, four assist other departments, one disturbance complaint, one animal control complaint, four city ordinance violations and 14 unclassified complaints.

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Kathryn (KC) Newman and Bob VanNuck of Frederic announce their engagement.

Their parents are Bill and Carrie Newman and Pete and Martha VanNuck. resides The couple Roscommon.

A June 7, 2008, wedding will take place in Mt. Pleasant.

# RANGE FIRING

Range firing scheduled for the period of April 17 - 23 is as fol-

The Range 40 Complex, Air to Ground, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.) will be conducting live and inert bombing operations by the Air National Guard during April 17 and April 19 - 23. The Range 40 Complex, locat-

ed north of County Rd. 612, east of Sherman Rd., south of Old State Rd. 618 and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.). Artillery live fire will be conducted April 17-19.

Small arms ranges, located west of Lake Margrethe, north of Howe Rd., east of the gas pipeline and south of Portage Creek, April 17 - 23.

ARF Range, located west of Lake Margrethe, north of Howe Rd., east of the gas pipeline and north of Portage Creek, April 19

The Range 30 Complex, located north of North Down River Rd., east of Jones Lake Rd., south of County Rd. 612 and

west of Bald Hill Truck Trail. Weapons live fire will be conducted April 17 - 23.

In addition, the following roads will be closed on April 17 -23. Bucks East - West Truck Trail from Jones Lake Rd. to Bald Hill Truck Trail, Ketchum Truck Trail from Bucks East-West to N. Down River Rd., Stephan Bridge Rd. from County Rd. 612 to N. Down River Rd., and Wakeley Bridge Rd. from County Rd. 612 to N. Down River Rd.

Heavy weapons range firing is scheduled from sunrises until three hours after sunset. Due to mobilizations or critical training requirements, the Commander may authorize mission-firing requirements beyond this time. This firing schedule is subject to change without notice to the public.

Contact the Grayling Department 's of the Natural Resources for the areas closed for hunting within the boundaries of the installation. Grayling DNR telephone number: 989- 348-6371. For further information call, 1-989-344-6320.

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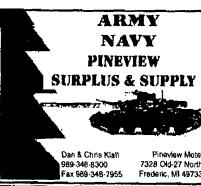
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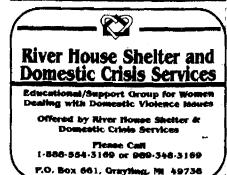


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& Locally, the Crawford County Commission on Aging (COA) is bringing the event to Grayling for the first time. The CarFit® program is designed to give a quick comprehensive check on how well a senior driver and their vehicle work together. The event also provides motorists with community traffic safety resources that can help keep them driving safely longer.

"As we age, changes in our vision, flexibility, strength, range of motion and even size and height may make us less comfortable and reduce our control behind the wheel," said Alice Snyder, Director of the COA. "Carfit® gives older adults the tools to help them stay on today's roads safely."

The event gives mature drivers a complete 12-point check by a trained professional. The process takes about 15 minutes and you leave with recommended car adjustments and adaptations along with a list of resources in the area.

The event will be locally hosted by the COA, along with the Grayling Free Methodist Church, on Thursday, May 15, at the ister, call 348-7123.

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In addition to the Carfit® event, senior drivers can contact the COA to sign up for the AARP Driver Safety Refresher Course for drivers age 50+. This course covers the age-related physical changes in perception and reaction time, local driving problems and the rules of the road. The certified AARP volunteer instructors will be presenting this course through a combination of group discussion and videotapes.

There are no tests, and all participants who complete the course will receive a certificate of completion that may be eligible for an automobile insurance discount.

The eight hour class will be divided into two four hour sessions. The classes will be held in Grayling, on May 7 and 8, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the COA, 308 Lawndale Street.

During the month of May, AARP members and a friend can attend the AARP Driver Safety Program classroom course together for \$10 - a 50% savings. Both attendees will receive a certificate upon successful completion of the course. To receive this special offer, the AARP member must just show their AARP membership card upon arrival on the first day of the

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# Kirtland offers one-day photography workshop

There are still seats available for a special, one-day workshop featuring noted biologist and wildlife photographer Rick Baetsen on Friday, May 16. This is just a day before the annual Kirtland's Warbler Festival, Kirtland Community College's main campus, on Saturday, May 17.

During this special workshop, entitled "Camera Equipment Basics and Special Methods for Capturing Unique Wildlife Images," Baetsen will show some of his best wildlife and nature images, and discuss the camera gear and the methods used to capture the images.

Outside, participants will examine several types of blinds and hides and some specialty equipment and electronics. On a short field trip, participants will put these learned methods to work in an effort to take some outdoor images.

Wildlife and birds, especially Michigan's native grouse species, have been Baetsen's special photography interest for more than 37 years. The northern Michigan resident's images have been published in more than 200 publications, including books, magazines, newspapers, calendars and the Internet.

The May 16 workshop, which is slated for 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., will include discussion of the equipment needed for use in wildlife and bird photography. Cameras and their functions, large telephoto lenses, flashes, tripods and other mounts will be reviewed. More time, though, will be spent reviewing the special techniques and methods that are required to take quality and unique wildlife images.

Cost of the workshop is \$35 per person and includes lunch. To register, checks should be made out to Rick Baetsen and mailed to the Kirtland House, Kirtland Community College, 10775 N. St. Helen Road, Roscommon, MI 48653.

Seating is limited with May 6 set as the deadline to register. For more information, visit online at http://warbler.kirtland.edu/ or call the Kirtland House at 989-275-5000, extension 418.

# DISTRICT HEALTH #10 COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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District Health Department No. 10, Grayling office, has scheduled the following clinics/classes for May.

Immunization clinics: May 7 and 21 by appointment. Call 989-348-7800 for an appointment.

Family planning clinic: May 6 and 20. Call 989-348-7800 for an appointment.

WIC clinics: This program provides supplemental foods and nutrition education for eligible pregnant and breast feeding women, infants and children: May 8, 9, 15, 19, 21, 22, 23, 28, and 29. Call 989-348-7800 for an appointment.

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Hearing and vision screenings. This is a free program for children. Appointments are necessary. Clinics are held in Crawford County at the Head Start building in Grayling. Call 989-348-7800 for an appoint-

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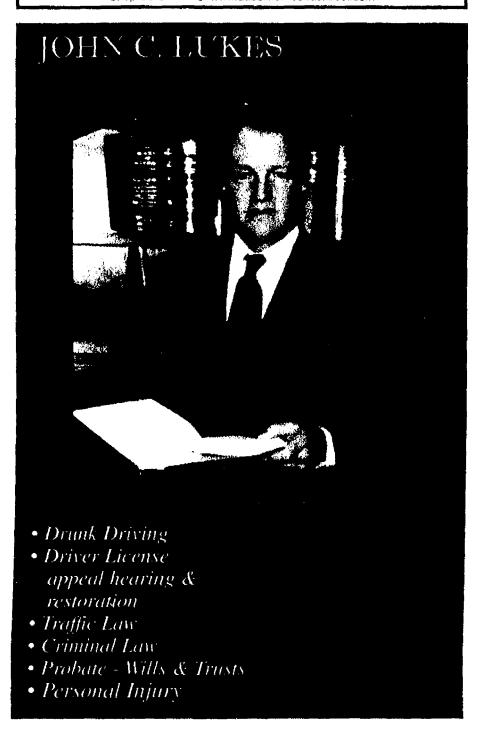
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# PTO donates to elementary school music program



The AuSable Primary - Grayling Elementary PTO recently donated \$200 to each classroom teacher to purchase supplies and equipment. The music program at the Grayling Elementary School used the donation to purchase new singing books that will replace their old and very battered ones. Above, Karen Ross, music teacher at Grayling Elementary, is standing with Mrs. Lewicki's fourth grade class holding the new "Get America Singing!" and "Get America Singing Again!" books. "The students are very excited about the new books," said Ross.

# Library celebrates Shetland Island Sisterhood

from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs to promote the international Shetland Island Sisterhood Celebration that will take place during the months of April and May.

Bambi Mansfield-Sanderson, director of the Crawford County

The Crawford County Library Library System, learned of the house of Scotland. System has been awarded a grant opportunity to become sister libraries through the American Library Association and began a search for a library system

> Shetland Island is made up of 100 islands with only 15 being inhabited. The culture of the people of Shetland is a diverse mix of Norse and Scottish, as the islands are located directly between both countries. Angling and water recreation is enjoyed by many internationally, with more than 300 lochs filled with wild brown trout found throughout the islands.

"It is amazing how many similarities there are in the recreation and heritage of our two communities," Mansfield-Sanderson said. "Both communities pride themselves on the importance of their natural resources and recreational activities."

Shetland's culture, like the early settlers of Grayling, has been influenced by Danish traditions, prior to the transfer of political power from Scandinavia to Scotland in 1469, when a Danish king pawned his lands and taxes in Shetland to complete his daughter's dowry to the royal

tion called Up-helly-aa, held in January, where a Shetland yoal (traditional boat) decorated with a dragon's head and tail is burned in celebration of their Viking his-

The sisterhood of the Shetland Library and the Crawford County Library Systems will be celebrated throughout the community with many events and activities.

The Friends of the Crawford County Library have promised their support with great enthusiasm throughout the development and planning of the events. There will be many local residents and community organizations featured throughout the month with a focus on fly-fishing, fiber arts, literature, storytelling, clogging and Shetland Ponies as well.

Wellington Farm Park will host a Shetland pony wedding for all of the community to enjoy as a commemoration of The Shetland Island Library and Crawford County Library international sisterhood.

The Fly Fishing Opener will be the first of many events held at

6 p.m. on Friday, April 25, fea-Each year, there is a celebra- turing Scotland native and Grayling resident Eric Sharp, who will present a program dedicated to local conservation efforts as well as conservation efforts in Scotland. Sharp is an outdoor writer for the Detroit Free Press as well as author of several books on outdoor issues. Also on hand at the Fly Fishing Opener will be noted flytier and author Jerry Regan with a slide presentation, flytiers Jess Fairbotham, Joe Smock and Sam Surre, as well as Celtic music

provided by Dan House. The night will be completed with Scottish Haggis, shortbread and Scotch eggs, as well as many other traditional Shetland foods.

The evening's events will be sponsored by the Mason and Griffith Founders Chapter of Trout Unlimited, Friends of the Crawford County Library and the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs.

Events calendars for the Shetland Library Sisterhood Celebration are available at each of the Crawford County Library branches, and will also be posted in the Crawford County Avalanche.

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#### Kirtland plans festivities to mark Earth Week

Kirtland Community College wants to help people to think "green" and is hosting a series of activities to mark Earth Week 2008 on April 21-25 at its main

campus near Roscommon. Earth Week 2008 will feature five themed days starting on Monday, April 21, with "Earth Day." The festivities then include "Recycle Day" on Tuesday, April 22; "Energy Day" on Wednesday, April 23; "Water Day" on Thursday, April 24; and culminate with "Arbor Day" on Friday, April 25.

Events will be held in the student center from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day.

Those persons who are not registered to vote may do so each day at the Green VOTE table, and at 1 p.m. each day participants may join in a 30-minute "Go Green Walk" around campus to pick up litter. Fun fact sheets on helping the environment each day will also be available.

Other Earth Week festivities at Kirtland are slated to include:

Monday, April 21 - Dr. Richard Olree of the Chiropractic Centre of Hillman, author of "Minerals and the Genetic Code," will give 50-minute presentations in the student center

beginning at 10 a.m., noon and 2 p.m. Olree is a researcher and practitioner applying healing to patients through the use of minerals. Also, at 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., master gardener Roy Elie and a Michigan State Extension employee will speak about growing green. There will be a seed/bulb exchange with Roy at 1:30 p.m. University of Michigan's "Why Stay in the Blue" eight-minute video will be shown throughout the day. Free tree seedlings will be given out to students and staff only, due to a limited supply.

Tuesday, April 22 - Sharon Hagee from Adair Midwest and Ron Kern will give 50-minute presentations at 10 a.m., noon and 2 p.m. about environmental issues that anyone can help with. Those with questions about what, where and how you can recycle locally, there will be recycling coordinators from Crawford, Roscommon and Ogemaw counties on hand to answer questions from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The "Why Stay in the Blue" video will be played throughout the day, along with the tree seedling giveaway.

Wednesday, April 23 Kirtland's Tim Scherer will talk about energy saving at home and

in office settings at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. A mock office area will be set up to show what people can do to help conserve energy. Join in "Earth Ten Minutes" where many offices at Kirtland will power down for 10 minutes to create and show the awareness about saving energy.

Thursday, April 24 - Tom Dale, a former KCC science instructor, will be speaking about the Upper AuSable River Watershed Quality Monitoring Project at 11 a.m. There will be a unique hands-on activity involved in Dale's presentation. At 1:30 p.m., JoAnn Comerford, director of facilities at Kirtland Community College, will be discussing "Pharmaceutical Disposal," including PowerPoint presentation.

Earth Week 2008 activities will conclude on Friday, April 25, with a tree planting ceremony to honor Steve Oppy, a beloved member of the Kirtland family who recently passed away after a battle with cancer.

For more information on Earth Week activities at Kirtland, contact Mark Allen via e-mail at allenm@kirtland.edu or by calling 989-275-5000, extension

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# Soccer team kicks off spring sports season with o-o tie

■ Double overtime game in the rain between Grayling and Kalkaska ends in a tie

Grayling High School's varsity girls soccer squad - unlike all of the school's other spring sports teams - managed to play its season opener last week, but they had to play for almost two hours in the rain in order to do it.

The GHS baseball, softball, golf, and track teams had all of their games canceled last week due to poor weather and field conditions at a variety of venues. The soccer team, however, managed to squeeze in its first contest of the year - a home game vs. the Kalkaska Blazers on Tuesday, April 8. Tuesday was the school's first day back in session after spring break, and the soccer team's first time being outside on a field this year. The squad had to practice indoors prior to spring break due to weather and field conditions.

The Vikings and Blazers battled for a total of 110 minutes in the rain on Tuesday night, and, ultimately, neither team was able to put the ball in the opposing squad's net. The score was 0-0 at the end of regulation, which included two 40-minute halves. After two 15-minute sudden death overtime periods, the score was still locked at 0-0, so the game ended in a tie.

Coach Loren Cobb said his team handled the conditions well.

"The girls pushed through it without much complaint. After Continued on Page 3B

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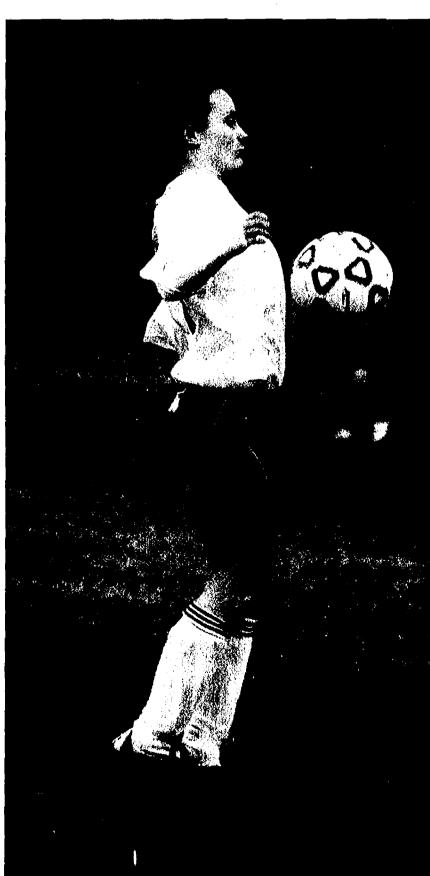


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Renee Clair, left, chases after the ball during last Tuesday's varsity girls soccer game vs. the Kalkaska Blazers. Arica Rockhold, right, fights for the ball during Tuesday night's contest against the Blazers.







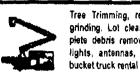
Jessica Bindschatel, left, battles for the ball vs. the Kalkaska Blazers on Tuesday. Peggy Curriston, center, takes a throw-in for the Vikings on Tuesday night. Brjanna Farrell, right, stops an airborne ball during last week's game against Kalkaska.



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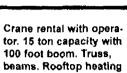
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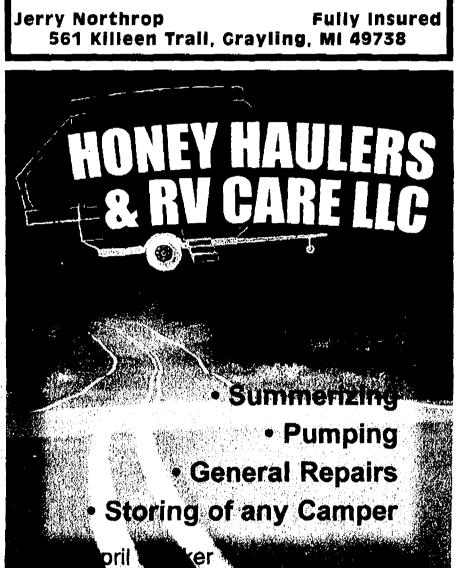


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Third baseman Jacob Aubry throws a ball to first base during an infield drill on Monday, April 14. The varsity baseball team's two doubleheaders and one tournament scheduled for last week were canceled.

# Weather, field conditions force games, meets to be canceled

■ Most games and meets postponed during week one of spring sports season

Perhaps not surprisingly, most games and meets scheduled for the first week of Grayling High School's 2008 spring sports season ended up being casualties of the weather. All scheduled baseball, softball, track, and golf events were postponed or canceled last week due to unfavorable field conditions and poor weather.

The soccer team played two of its three scheduled games last week, but all other spring sports squads from Grayling High

School had their season openers fall victim to bad weather conditions or poor field conditions caused by inclement weather.

The varsity baseball team had two doubleheaders and one tournament scheduled for last week. All of them were canceled or postponed. The series at Big Rapids will likely not be made up. Friday's league games vs. Kalkaska will be rescheduled, but a make-up date had not been established as of Monday, April 14. The Vikings will not play in the Cadillac Tournament, which had been scheduled for Saturday, but they added the Kingsley Tournament to their schedule to replace it. The Kingsley Tournament will be held this Saturday.

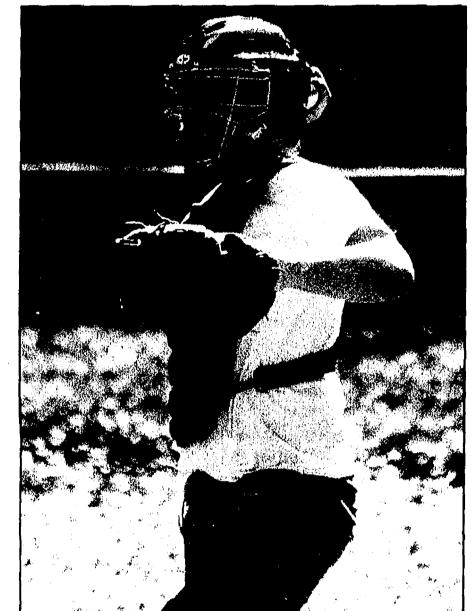
The cancelations gave the baseball team a couple of days to practice outside on its field, an opportunity the squad did not have prior to spring break.

"This is the first time we'll be doing extensive infield and outfield work, which is good," Coach John Schneider said on Monday, April 14, before his team's practice. "We have a lot of work to do today, but everyone's looking good. The pitchers are looking good."

The varsity baseball team will play at East Jordan on Friday, April 18, at 4:30 p.m. The squad will host Harbor Springs on Tuesday, April 22, at 4:30 p.m.

The GHS varsity softball team, which had its scheduled season opener postponed on Friday, has three series scheduled for this week, including a doubleheader at East Jordan on Friday, April

The JV baseball and softball teams will host the East Jordan Red Devils at 4:30 p.m. on



Catcher Geo Bindschatel throws the ball to third base during a varsity baseball practice session on Monday.

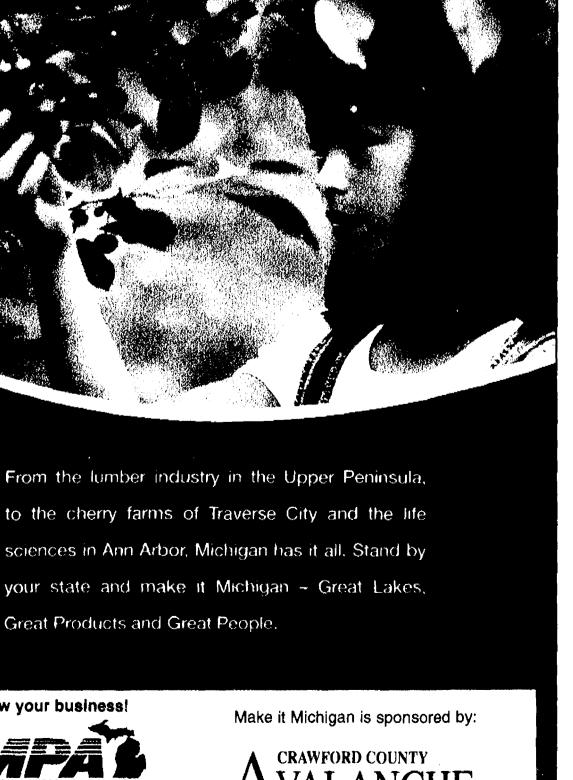
Friday, April 18. Their season openers scheduled for last Friday were postponed.

The boys and girls track teams made up their first meet of the year - the Ogemaw Invitational, which was originally scheduled for last Friday - on Monday, April 14. The track squads will compete in the SVSU Invitational on Friday, April 18.

The soccer team posted a 0-0 tie in its season opener last Tuesday. The Vikings fell 3-0 at

Boyne City on Thursday night. The squad's game at Houghton Lake scheduled for last Friday was canceled. The Vikings will play at East Jordan on Thursday, April 17, at 5 p.m. The team will host Elk Rapids on Monday, April 21, at 5 p.m.

The boys golf team's first meet of the year - the Cheboygan Invitational on Monday - was canceled. The golf squad will compete in a league meet at Boyne City on Monday, April 21.



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Rocky McNamara winds up for a pitch during baseball practice on April 14.





Alexis Dandy, left, dribbles the ball for the Vikings during last Tuesday's varsity girls soccer game vs. the Kalkaska Blazers. Emily Sloan, right, takes a throw-in for Grayling on Tuesday night.

# Soccer team kicks off spring sports season with o-o tie

Continued from Page 1B the game may have been a different story, but during, everyone was focused on maintain energy level needed to star in the game," Coach Cobb said. These girls have not experienced a win or tie since the seniors were freshmen. They showed great pride in the fact that they tied in such adverse conditions."

The weather and the length of the contest took its toll on the participants. Several players from both teams had to be helped off the field throughout the game due to cramping issues.

Coach Cobb said the unusual number of players with cramps was probably the result of the cold weather and player conditioning.

"This was our first day on a real field. (Games have a) competition level that can't be recreated in practice, pushing yourself to beat the other team even when (you're) exhausted," Coach Cobb said.

The Vikings were also able to play their game at Boyne City last Thursday. The Ramblers won the contest 3-0.

"We played again on Thursday against Boyne, a team which beat them twice last year, 7-0 and 5-0. This was a fairly even game, which I was happy to see. We did lose 3-0, but we showed much more of an offensive attack than we had in our first game. You wouldn't think one practice outside would change our game play that much, but to an outside observer, there was a definite difference in our passing and ball



Ciara Summers pushes the ball upfield for Grayling during last Tuesday's conference game against the Kalkaska Blazers.

movement, which gave us many opportunities to get shots. We just didn't get it in the net," Coach Cobb said.

The soccer team's game scheduled for last Friday (at Houghton Lake) was postponed.

The GHS soccer team (0-1-1)

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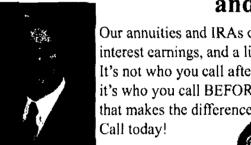
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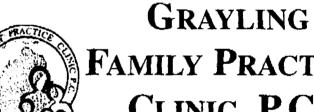
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Amy Stapleton, left, throws the ball for the Vikings on Tuesday. Lahken Maher, right, controls the ball for Grayling during the game against Kalkaska.



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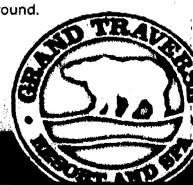
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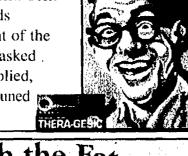
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This year's Football Golf Scramble will be held at the Grayling Country Club at 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 3.

The fee to participate in the event is \$240 per four-person team. The fee includes 18 holes of four-person scramble golf, dinner, and a chance at winning some door prizes.

"All proceeds will go directly to the Grayling High School football program. The money raised will be used on football supplies and to purchase equipment that will help us build a successful program," Coach Ben Brock said.

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Date: 4/1/08 Judge Dennis F. Murphy P31907

#### STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

File No. 08-7396-DE Estate of Dale E. Alexander, Deceased. Date of birth: 05/22/1927 NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The

decedent, Dale E. Alexander, who lived at 7379 KP Lake Rd, Grayling, Michigan 49738 died 03/08/2008.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Penny L. Ellis, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 200 W. Michigan Ave. Grayling, MI 49738 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publicaion of this notice.

Attorney Barbara J. Tomcal P42771 P.O. Box 6081 Saginaw, MI 48608 (989)790-8000

Personal representative Penny L. Ellis 49139 Berkshire Dr. Chesterfield, MI 48047 (586)329-4294

SYNOPSIS SOUTH BRANCH TOWNSHIP **APRIL 8, 2008** REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. Attending: Luck, Kozlowski, George and Janisse. Absent: Musselman. Pledge of Allegiance

**UNAPPROVED** 

Public comment: None.

Motion by Luck, and seconded by George, to accept agenda as presented. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Motion by Janisse, and seconded by Luck, to accept consent agenda, March

Regular Meeting Minutes, bills and invoices paid, and projected bills for April, and the Treasurer's Report as presented. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion

Motion by Janisse, and seconded by George, to accept the Articles of Incorporation for the South Branch Township Fire/EMS Association for Crawford County as presented, to include addition of by-laws. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Motion by Kozlowski, and seconded by Luck, to approve the payment of \$55.00 to David Magee for his participation in Fire/EMS meetings in anticipation of being hired to the department. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Motion by Luck, and seconded by George, to pay Spartan Chassis in the amount of \$108,948.00 for the chassis on the new pumper/tanker trucker. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Motion by Kozlowski, and seconded by Janisse, to accept past practice in regard to the Suppression Costs Policy. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Motion by Kozlowski, and seconded by Luck, to accept the South Branch Township Property Tax Poverty Exemption Guidelines asset test as presented with an asset limit not to exceed \$10,000.00, in conjunction with the Pederal Guidelines. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Motion by Luck, and seconded by George, to approve the Weber Land Division, under parcel #062-025-016-040-03, as presented. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Motion by Kozlowski, and seconded by Luck, to accept for payment the invoice from Michigan Municipal League in the amount of \$4,103.00. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Motion by Kozlowski, and seconded by Luck, to approve sponsoring a child in the Summer Group Counseling and Recreation Program through the AuSable Youth Authority at a cost of \$500.00. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Motion by Luck, and seconded by George, to deny the request for oil and gas lease rights to one acre of Township property. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Public comment heard. Meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

MORTGAGE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE--Default has been made in the conditions of a Mortgage made by AARON S. BLAINE a/k/a AARON BLAINE and JOANNE D. BLAINE, husband and wife, Mortgagors, to FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF AMERICA, Mortgagee, dated February 8, 2007, and recorded February 9, 2007, in Liber 685, Page 252, of Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due as of the date of this notice the sum of Twenty Eight Thousand One Hundred Nine and 74/100 Dollars (\$28,109.74), including interest at 13.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public auction to the highest bidder, on Wednesday, April 30, 2008, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at the front door to the County Bldg in Grayling, MI.

Said premises are situated in the Township of Frederick, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Description No. 5: Commencing at the Southeast corner of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 23, Town 28 North, Range 4 West, thence West 370 feet to the place of beginning, thence North 328.4 feet, thence West 185 feet, thence South 328.4 feet, thence East 185 feet to the place of beginning.

Description No. 6: Commencing at the Southeast corner of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 23, Town 28 North, Range 4 West, thence West 185 feet to the place of beginning, thence North 328.4 feet, thence West 185 feet. thence South 328.4 feet, thence East 185 feet to the place of beginning.

Description No. 7: Commencing at the Southeast corner of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 23, Town 28 North, Range 4 West, thence North along the East line 328.4 feet, thence West 185 feet, thence South 328.4 feet, thence East 185 feet to the place of beginning.

Together with the right of access across adjoining land from the West, along the South side of subject properties, for ingress and egress from Kolka Creek Road into above described properties, and as identified in Easement of Property recorded in Liber 685, Page 30, Crawford County Records.

Commonly known as Vacant Land N. Kolka Creek Rd., Frederic, MI 49733 Tax ID: 031-023-011-200-00, 031-023-011-220-00, 031-023-011-240-00

The redemption period shall be one year from the date of the sale, unless the premises are determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30

Dated: March 17, 2008

First National Bank of America Mortgagee By: Randall T. LeVasseur P41712 Le Vasseur Dyer & Associates, PC Attorneys for Mortgagee P.O. Box 721400 Berkley, MI 48072 (248) 586-1200

-27-3-10-17

MORTGAGE SALE

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by John Blevins and Denise Blevins, husband and wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated December 22, 2006 and recorded January 2, 2007 in Liber 684, Page 693, Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by CitiMortgage, Inc., successor in interest by merger to CitiFinancial Mortgage Company, Inc. by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Two Hundred Forty-Four Thousand Four Hundred Thirty-Eight and 97/100 Dollars (\$244,438.97) including interest at 9.125% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00

a.m. on MAY 14, 2008. Said premises are located in the Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Unit 19, Majestic Hills Court Condominium, a Condominium according to the Master Deed recorded in Liber

lowing case(s):

2008 ZBA 001Owner:

2008 ZBA 002 Owner:

676, Page 84, being Reception Number R0010400, Crawford County Records and designated as Crawford County Condominium Subdivision Plan Number 16, together with rights in general common elements and limited common elements, as set forth in the above described Master Deed and all amendments thereto; and as described in Act 59 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Dated: April 10, 2008 Orlans Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 File No. 241.0045 248-457-1000

MORTGAGE SALE PETER M. SCHNEIDERMAN & ASSO-CIATES, P.C., IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT, ANY INFORMA-TION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CON-TACT OUR OFFICE AT (248)539-7400

IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY

-10-17-24-1

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by GLEN R. CARLSON, A SIN-GLE MAN, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns,, Mortgagee, dated May 27, 2003, and recorded on June 16, 2003, in Liber 639, on Page 184, and assigned by said mortgagee to THE HUNTINGTON NATIONAL BANK, as assigned, Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Thirty-One Thousand Six Hundred Seventy-Nine Dollars and

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statue in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan, at 10:00 AM o'clock, on April

Twelve Cents (\$31,679.12), including

interest at 7.125% per annum.

Said premises are situated in Crawford County, Michigan and described as: THE NORTH 1/2 OF THE WEST 1/2 OF THE WEST 1/2 OF THE EAST 1/ 2 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. SOUTHEAST 1 / 4 OF SECTION 7, TOWN 26 NORTH, RANGE 2 WEST.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 20, 2008 THE HUNTINGTON NATIONAL BANKMortgagee/Assignee

Peter M. Schneiderman & Associates, 23100 Providence Drive, Suite 450

Southfield, MI 48075

Frederic Township

**Building and Zoning** 

**Public Notice to Residents** 

within 300 feet

Frederic Township resident be notified the Zoning Board of Appeals

will be holding a public hearing on May 6, 2008, at 6:00pm in the

Frederic Township Hall, located at 7564 C. R. 612, to hear the fol-

The Petitioner is requesting a variance to remove the existing structure and replace it with a new house. The proposed house will

be 2-stories tall with an attached garage and two decks and the

entire property is located within the Manistee River District and is

closer than the 100-foot setback and is increasing the square

The Petitioner is requesting a variance to add an addition to the

side of the existing house for a laundry room and a half bath. They

are also requesting to add a porch to the road side of the house.

The entire property is located within the Manistee River District and

is closer than the 100-foot setback. They are also requesting a

variance for the porch due to it would be within the 50 ft setback

Tentative text and maps may be examined at the Frederic

Correspondence concerning this request should be directed to

Frederic Township Zoning Dept., P.O. Box 78, Frederic, MI 49733

Township office during normal business hours.

Frederic Township

footage more than the 50% allowed by the ordinance.

Andrew Brookes, Petitioner

Parcel # 20-030-031-005-085-00

Dennis & Janet Sulkowski, Petitioner

11704 West Cameron Bridge Road

Parcel # 20-031-030-005-041-00

738 Northpointe Drive

Frederic Township

-27-3-10-17

#### MORTGAGE SALE

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MORTGAGE SALE--Default has been made in the conditions of a Mortgage made by RICKY A. REED, a/k/a RICKY ARLEE REED, a single man, Mortgagor, to FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF AMERICA, Mortgagee, dated August 9, 2005, and recorded August 10, 2005, in Liber 676, Page 688, of Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due as of the date of this notice the sum of Twenty Six Thousand One Hundred Fifty and 83/100 Dollars (\$26,150.83), including interest at t3.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public auction to the highest bidder, on Wednesday, May 21, 2008, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at the front door to the County Bldg in Grayling, MI.

Said premises are situated in the Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 161, Grayling Mobile Estates No. 4, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 37, Crawford County Records, including all improvements attached thereto.

Commonly known as 401 Alexia Lane, Grayling, MI 49738 Tax ID: 20-040-45-283-00-161-00

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of the sale, unless the premises are determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days.

Dated: April 9, 2008

First National Bank of America Mortgagee By: Randall T. LeVasseur P41712 LeVasseur Dyer & Associates, PC Attorneys for Mortgagee P.O. Box 721400 Berkley, MI 48072 (248) 586-1200 -17-24-1-8-15

#### MORTGAGE SALE

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Gaylord Sims and Kathleen Sims, husband and wife as joint tenants, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated January 12, 2005 and recorded February 22, 2005 in Liber 673, Page 854, Crawford County Records, Michigan. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Pour Thousand Five Hundred Sixty-One and 65/100 Dollars (\$64,561.65) including interest at 5.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on MAY 14, 2008. Said premises are located in the

Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel 1: Commencing at the East onequarter corner of Section 19, Town 25 North, Range 3 West; thence North 0 degrees 49 minutes West (along the East Section line) 657.90 feet; thence South 88 degrees 08 minutes 15 seconds West, 1499.82 feet; thence North 0 degrees 53 minutes 18 seconds West 33 feet to the point of beginning; thence South 88 degrees 08 minutes 15 seconds West 16.5 feet; thence North 0 degrees 53 minutes 18 seconds West 624.84 feet; thence North 88 degrees 08 minutes 30 seconds East 16.5 feet; thence South 0 degrees 53 minutes 18 seconds East 624.84 feet to the point of beginning, being part of the North one-half of the Southwest onequarter of the Northeast one-quarter Section 19, Town 25 North, Range 3 West. Being the same more or less but subject to all legal highways. Parcel 2: Commencing at the Northeast corner of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter, Section 19, Town 25 North, Range 3 West; thence West 12 rods to the point of beginning; thence South 38 rods; thence West 8 rods; thence North 38 rods; thence East 8 rods to the point of beginning. Being the same more or less but subject to all legal highways.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Dated: April 10, 2008 Orlans Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 248-502-1400 File No. 285.3757 -10-17-24-1

# **Crawford County Road** Commission

#### **NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

The Crawford County Road Commission will receive sealed bids until 9:30 a.m. (for a bid opening during the regular meeting) on Thursday, April 17, 2008, at their Grayling office located at 500 Huron Street, PO Box 648, Grayling, MI 49738-0648, for furnishing the following:

Roadway Surfacing (various locations) Bituminous Surface Mixture No. 13A (non-recycled) and/or

Contractor shall be responsible for obtaining an approved mix design, which must be submitted and approved by the Crawford County Road Commission prior to commencement of work. Contractor shall be responsible for furnishing all recycled asphalt for the entire bid quantity.

Bituminous Surface Mixture No. 13A (15% max. recycled)

Completion date: All paving shall be completed by October 1st, 2008 Or as required to meet specific project schedules.

Crawford County Road Commission will provide flag personnel and traffic control devices during construction. All materials must meet current Michigan Department of Transportation specifications. Material test reports and weight tickets shall be provided in English units. Additional information may be obtained at the office of the undersigned.

Bidding documents are available upon request.

Contractor shall provide Certificate of Insurance prior to commencing work. Certificate shall include:

1) Board of County Road Commission AND the Crawford County Road Commission named as additional insured to all coverage, 2) Bodily Injury Liability - each person -\$500,000.00 each occurrence, 3) Bodily Injury Liability - each accident -\$1,000,000.00, 4) Property Damage Liability - each accident - \$1,000,000.00, 5) Single Limit Policy - \$1,000,000.00 and 6) Worker's compensation statutory limits.

The Board reserves the right to add or delete projects and quantities, which are deemed to be in the best interest of the Crawford County Road Commission.

Submit blds in a sealed enveloped that is clearly marked with the words: "Paving Bid".

Crawford County Road Commission reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive irregularities in the bid, to waive details in the specifications, to add or delete quantities or projects to or from the bid and to accept the bid deemed to be in the best interest of Crawford County.

> Board of Crawford County Road Commissioners Ken Riehle, Chairman John Hartman, Vice-Chairman Jim Burtch, Commissioner

# **Frederic Township Building and Zoning Public Notice to Residents**

2008 Z 500 Owner:

Gary & Dianne South, Petitioner 9577 Lakeview Drive Pinckney, MI 48169 Property Address: 7963 Twin Peaks Road Frederic Township Parcel # 20-031-011-006-220-00

The Petitioner is requesting to operate a bed and breakfast located in the existing residence located on the above property. The property is located in a recreational-forest / AuSable River zoning districts.

The planning commission will also hear any concerns that come in front of the board and also be working on revising the Frederic Township Master Plan.

Tentative text and maps can be examined at the Frederic Township office during normal business hours.

Frederic Township Zoning Dept., P.O. Box 78, Frederic, MI 49733 Telephone (989) 348-8778.

Douglas J. Pratt Frederic Twp Zoning Administrator

Frederic Township resident be notified that the Planning Commission will be holding a public hearing on May 6, 2008, at 7:00pm in the Frederic Township Hall, located at 7564 C. R. 612. to hear the following case.

Correspondence concerning this request should be directed to

Douglas J. Pratt Frederic Twp **Zoning Administrator** 

from the road.

Telephone (989) 348-8778.

## LEGAL ACTION

**FORECLOSURE** NOTICE

FORECLOSURE NOTICE This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below. MORTGAGE SALE -Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Charles Foreman, A Single Man to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. solely as nominee for Oak Street Mortgage LLC, Mortgagee, dated November 16, 2005 and recorded December 28, 2005 in Liber 679 Page 182 Crawford County Records, Michigan, Said mortgage was subsequently assigned to: HSBC Mortgage Services Inc. on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Nine Thousand One Hundred Fifty-Nine Dollars and Fifty-One Cents (\$79,159.51) including interest 8.375% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be forectosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, Circuit Court of Crawford County at 10:00AM on May 7, 2008. Said premises are situated in Township of Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at the Northeast corner of the Southeast onequarter of said Section 26, Town 25 North, Range 2 West, for a place of beginning; thence West on one-quarter Line 10 rods; thence South parallel with East Section line of said Section 16 rods; thence East parallel with said one-quarter line 10 rods; thence North on said Section line 16 rods to place of beginning. Being a rectangular acre of Ground 10 by 16 rods in the Northeast corner of Northeast one-quarter of Southeast one-quarter of said Section 25. Commonly known as 10520 W Hall Rd, Roscommon MI 48653 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later. Dated: MARCH 28, 2008 HSBC Mortgage Services Inc, Assignee of Mortgagee Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd. Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123 Our File No: 08-90075(hsbc) ASAP# 2725866 04/03/2004/10/2008, 04/17/2008, 04/24/2008 04/03/2008

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Emalyne Masella, A Single Woman

Option One Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated May 24, 2005 and recorded June 6, 2005 in Liber 675 Page 780 and re-recorded February 21, 2008 in Liber 690, Page 362 in Crawford County Records, Michigan Said mortgage was subsequently assigned to: Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for the Certificateholders of Soundview Home Loan Trust 2005-OPT2, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2005-OPT2. on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Three Thousand Two Hundred Forty-One Dollars and Twenty Cents (\$103,241.20) including interest 7.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, Circuit Court of Crawford County at 10:00 AM on May 21, 2008.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The West 86.5 feet of the Southeast one-

quarter and the South 33 feet of the West

86.5 feet of the Northeast one-quarter of

Lot 5, Block 4, Martha M. Brink's 1st Addition to the Village (now city) of Grayling, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 01 of Plats, Page 15, Crawford County Records.

Commonly known as 103 Date St, Grayling MI 49738 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required

Dated: APRIL 11, 2008 Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for the Certificateholders of Soundview Home Loan Trust 2005-OPT2, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2005-OPT2,

by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later.

Assignee of Mortgagee Attornevs: Potestivo & Associates,

811 South Blvd. Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123 Our File No: 08-86614

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#### NOTICE OF **MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE** SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jonathan Z. Backus and Amanda Lyn Rohn n/k/a Amanda Lyn Backus, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated August 27, 2007, and recorded on September 24, 2007 in Liber 688 on Page 658, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Six Thousand Two Hundred Fifty-One And 62/100 Dollars (\$56,251.62), including interest at 7.125% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on May 14, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Maple Forest, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel A-2: Part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 35, Town 28 North, Range 3 West, commencing at the West 1/4 corner of said Section 35; thence South (along the West Section line) 349.0 feet to the Point of Beginning, thence South 89 degrees East 233 feet; thence South 280.8 feet; thence North 89 degrees West 233 feet; thence North 280.9 feet to the Point of Beginning.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: April 10, 2008 For more information, please call: FC X 248.593,1302 Trott & Trott, P.C.

Attorneys For Servicer

**CRAWFORD COUNTY** 

**COMMITTEE VACANCIES** 

THE CRAWFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ARE

GRAYLING FISH HATCHERY COMMITTEE

CRAWFORD COUNTY HOUSING COMMISSION

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND COMMITTEE** 

THE PURPOSE OF THE FISH HATCHERY COMMITTEE IS TO

PROMOTE, ENCOURAGE AND AID THE WORK OF HISTORI-

CAL, SCIENTIFIC, CULTURAL AND EDUCATION ORGANIZA-

THE PURPOSE OF THE HOUSING COMMISSION IS TO PRO-

MOTE THE SOCIAL, CULTURAL AND ECONOMIC IMPROVE-

MENT OF OUR SERVICE AREA BY PROVIDING AFFORDABLE HOUSING TO PERSONS OF LOW AND MODERATE INCOME

THE PURPOSE OF THE EDF COMMITTEE IS TO PROVIDE A

SOURCE OF FUNDING WHICH WILL ENCOURAGE ECONOM-

IC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WITHIN THE COUNTY IN

A MANNER THAT IS NOT IN COMPETITION WITH LOCAL PRI-

APPLICATIONS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM AND SUBMITTED

TO COUNTY CLERK SANDRA MOORE BY MONDAY, APRIL 28,

2008 AT 11:00 A.M. OR MAY BE OBTAINED ON-LINE THRU

www.crawfordco.org AND RETURNED TO CRAWFORD COUNTY

CLERK 200 W. MICHIGAN AVENUE, GRAYLING, MI 49738.

PRESENTLY ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR:

TION AT THE GRAYLING FISH HATCHERY.

WITH CRAWFORD COUNTY.

VATE LENDING INSTITUTIONS.

SANDRA MOORE, COUNTY CLERK

**APRIL 11, 2008** 

31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File #196161F01

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Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a Mortgage made by LLOYD BERRY SR. as Mortgagor, to NORTHLAND AREA FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, as Mortgagee, which mortgage is dated June 6, 2006, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Crawford County, Michigan, on June 29, 2006, in Liber 682 at Page 176, and upon which Mortgage is claimed be due on the date of this notice the sum of \$49,995.38, and no suit or proceedings at law or equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof;

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of a power of sale contained in said Mortgage, and pursuant to the Statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on Wednesday, May 14, 2008, at 10 a.m., at the main entrance to the Crawford County Court Facility, 200 West Michigan in the City of Grayling, Michigan, that being the place for holding Circuit Court for the County of Crawford, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, for the purpose of satisfying the amount due and unpaid upon said mortgage, with the interest thereon at 6.490 percent per annum, together with legal costs, charges and expenses of sale, including applicable attorney fees, and also any taxes and insurance which may be paid by the mortgagee on or before the date of said sale which may be necessary to protect its interest in the premises. The land and premises in said mortgage, being situated in the Township of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, and described as follows:

Property situated in the Township of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan described as follows: Lot 111 Grayling Mobile Estates #3, according to he plat thereof as recorded in the Liber 3 of Plats, Page 23, Crawford County

Subject to restrictions, reservations, easement, covenants, oil, gas or mineral rights of record, if any.

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless the premises are determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241(a), in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

DATED: March 12, 2008 Paul E. Wenzloff (P27662) Attorney for Mortgagee 903 N. Jackson Street Bay City, MI 48708 (989) 893-9511

-27-3-10-17

#### **NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE** SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Dale A. Cox and Christine G. Cox, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to First National Bank of Gaylord, Mortgagee, dated January 10, 2003, and recorded on January 21, 2003 in Liber 616 on Page 544, in Crawford

county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Seven Thousand One Hundred Twenty-Seven And 11/100 Dollars (\$87,127.11), including interest at 5.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on May

Said premises are situated in Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel D-1: Part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 11, Town 28 North, Range 4 West. Commencing at the Northwest corner of said Section 11, thence South 0 degrees 29 minutes 40 seconds West, along the West line of said Section, 998.99 feet to the point of beginning: thence South 89 degrees 49 minutes 53 seconds East, 691.25 feet; thence South 00 degrees 29 minutes 40 seconds West, 332.52 feet to the North 1/8 line of said section; thence North 89 degrees 53 minutes 17 seconds West, along said North 1/8 line, 691.25 feet to the West line of said section; thence North 00 degrees 29 minutes 40 seconds East, along said West section line, 333.20 feet to the Point of Beginning. Subject to and together with a 30 foot wide easement for ingress, egress and the installation and maintenance of public utilities, said easement lying 15 feet either side of the centerline described as: Commencing at the Northwest corner of Section 11, Town 28 North, Range 4 West thence South 0 degrees 29 minutes 40 seconds West, along the West line of said Section, 1332.19 feet to the North 1/8 line of said section; thence South 89 degrees 53 minutes 17 seconds East, along said North 1/8 line, 691.25 feet; thence North 0 degrees 29 minutes 40 seconds East, 55.41 feet to the Point of Beginning of the centerline of said 30 foot wide easement; thence along said centerline the following two courses; South 78 degrees 20 minutes 22 seconds West, 196.09 feet; thence North 88 degrees 10 minutes 02 seconds West, 339.22 feet to the centerline of an existing North-South trail road and the Point of Ending.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: April 17, 2008 For more information, please call: FC F 248.593.1313 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525

File #197389F01 -17-24-1-8 **NOTICE OF** MORTGAGE

**FORECLOSURE** SALE

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest,

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by John W. Dankert and Julie E. Dankert, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., Mortgagee, dated February 18, 2005, and recorded on March 4, 2005 in Liber 674 on Page 37, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Chase Home Finance LLC as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Nine Thousand Thirty-Two And 38/100 Dollars (\$99,032.38), including interest at 5.125% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a

sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on May

Said premises are situated in Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 186, Indian Glens of the Ausable, Unit 2, as recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 12, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: April 3, 2008 For more information, please call: FC S 248.593.1304 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer

31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File #129540F02

-3-10-17-24 NOTICE OF **MORTGAGE** 

**FORECLOSURE** SALE

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Laura Hoppe, a single woman, original mortgagor(s), to First Franklin a division of Nat. City Bank of IN, Mortgagee, dated October 13, 2005, and recorded on October 17, 2005 in Liber 677 on Page 916, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by mesne assignments to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company as Trustee for First Franklin Mortgage Loan Trust 2006-FF1 Montgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-FF1 as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Three Thousand Seven Hundred Forty-Three And 43/100 Dollars (\$103,743.43), including interest at 7.125% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on April

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 165, Ausable Woods No. 5, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 45, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 27, 2008 For more information, please call: FC G 248.593.1310 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer

31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File #194436F01 -27-3-10-17

> NOTICE OF **MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE**

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Willis J. Sylvester and Cathy A. Sylvester, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Plymouth Exchange Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated April 22, 2005, and recorded on May 5, 2005 in Liber 675 on Page 303, and assigned by mesne assignments to Wells Fargo Bank, NA as assignee as docu-

mented by an assignment, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Three Thousand Four Hundred Eighty-Eight And 70/100 Dollars (\$73,488.70), including interest at 6.375% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on May

Said premises are situated in Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County. Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at the Southwest corner of the North 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 19, Town 25 North, Range 3 West, thence North 233.0 feet to the place of beginning; thence North 100.0 feet, thence East 150.0 feet. thence South 100.0 feet, thence West 150.0 feet to the place of beginning, being part of North 1/2 of Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 19, Town 25 North, Range 3 West.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: April 10, 2008 For more information, please call: FC D 248.593.1309 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525

File #195460F01

-10-17-24-1 NOTICE OF **MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE** 

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Diane Wakeley, a Married Woman, John Wakeley, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated July 22, 2005, and recorded on August 2, 2005 in Liber 676 on Page 478, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to CitiFinancial Mortgage Company Inc. as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Four Thousand Three Hundred Eighty-Eight And 64/100 Dollars (\$74,388.64), including interest at 12.05% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on May

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 16, 17, 18 and 19, Block 1, Karen Woods, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan according to the Plat thereof.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: April 10, 2008 For more information, please call: FC C 248.593.1301 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File #196487F01

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## MAPLE FOREST TOWNSHIP **ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS** ANNUAL MEETING

The Maple Forest Township Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, April 29, 2008 at 7pm at the Maple Forest Township Hall located at 8996 N. Sherman Road; Grayling, Michigan.

The purpose of the public hearing will be for the Zoning Board of Appeals Annual Meeting. The members of the Zoning Board of Appeals will elect officers and discuss any recent developments in the Zoning Enabling Act that Impact on the Zoning Board of Appeals.

There are no Variance requests or appeals on the agenda.

Citizens are welcome to attend the meeting and provide comments. or provide comments in writing. Written comments must be received at the Township Hall by 8pm Monday, April 28, 2008.

Citizens who need assistance to attend this meeting should contact the Township Clerk at (989)348-5794.

#### ATTENTION SOUTH BRANCH **TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS** NOTICE

**CEMETERY SPRING CLEAN-UP** 

1. Holders containing flowers, grave blankets and other "Winter Decorations" must be removed from gravesites at the Township's Pioneer and Rock Cemeteries by May 1, 2008, to allow for "Spring Clean-Up". Any items left after this date will be removed and disposed of at the discretion of the Sexton and the Township Board.

2. Township residents are asked to assist the Sexton and Board Members with a voluntary "Clean-Up" project to take place on Saturday, May 3, 2008, at 9:00 am. Please call the Township office at 989-275-8232, Monday-Friday, 9:00 am-12:00 pm, if you have questions and/or you are interested in participating.

For the South Branch Township Board Tom Kozlowski, Supervisor

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# EATURES

#### LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE



April 18, 1985 - David Hawkins, (left) 3, and Onna Ingvarsson, (right) 5, were the grand prize winners in the Golden Touch 10th Anniversary Celebration. Susan McCurdy, (center) owner, presents a truck to David and a doll to Onna, in addition to nine free facials and manicures, five free pedicures, five free permanents, two gift certificates and other prizes.

23 Years Ago April 18, 1985

A ban on using field oil brine on roads will not immediately affect the Crawford County Road Commission, which uses brine from mineral wells. John Keir, Crawford County Road Commission manager, says the County Road Association of Michigan is expecting another ban shortly that will include brine from mineral wells. The current ban by the Department of Natural Resources stops the use of field oil brine for ice control. For summer use, and to control dust, the field oil brine will be phased

2 tablespoons olive oil

1/2 cup pearl barley

8 ounces bow-tie pasta

1 cup chopped yellow onion

1 1/4 to 1 1/2 cups chicken broth

Rod Patterson, honorable All-State Class C linebacker, signed a letter of intent to play football next season at Hillsdale. Patterson, a captain for the Vikings, led the team in tackles two straight years.

Susan Prause of Grayling, a Central Michigan University senior, will perform the role of Madam Flora in Shakespeare's "The Taming of the Shrew", at CMU's Bush Theatre.

The Crawford County 4-H Leader Council put on a Valentine Dance to raise funds for the Careers class and the Advance Studies class at the middle school. During the dance, a lip sync contest was held. The first place winners were Andrea and Joell Schans. Second place went to James DeVriendt, Jeff Schreindl, Grant Armstrong, Ryan Hindmarsh and Teddy Connoy. Third place went to Cheryl Barber, Jannice LaDuke and Sheryl Klinger. A special medal was presented to Lucio Saraiva, a foreign exchange stu-

#### 46 Years Ago April 19, 1962

of Little Richard.

The Grayling High School Glee Club, under the direction of Mrs. Roy Milnes, brought home the highest rating possible from the District Glee Club Festival, which was held at Oscoda High School.

dent from Brazil, for his rendition

Jean Portwood, daughter of the Clarence Holcombs, has been named valedictorian of the senior class of 1962, Grayling High School. Lacey Stephan, Jr., son of the senior Lacey Stephans, has been named salutatorian. Also, among the top ten members of the senior class are Karen Gothro, Sherman Neal, Nancy Hubbell, Judith Waller, Donna Renaud, Janet Wyman, Carol Prange and Mike Young.

Through the cooperation of the Grayling Country Club and Grayling High School, a Grayling High School golf team has been formed with Arthur Thayer as the coach. Those trying out for the team are Jim Johnson, Dave Johnson, Jack Welch, Walt Fallon, Tom Wright, Gary DuBois and John Cook.

#### 69 Years Ago April 20, 1939

Glenn F. Penrod, of Garden City, has purchased the property of Julius Nelson, east of State Street, also known as Fishcher Field, and has begun construction of 11 buildings. There are to be four cottages 12x14 and seven 18x24. The smaller buildings will be overnight cabins, six of the larger cabins will sleep six people and one building will be a utility building. They will all be modern with showers, lavatories and closets, with the larger ones having gas for cooking.

The Willard Harwood store has been enlarged by 12x18 feet. A new walk-in refrigerator will be added, which will be able to keep the temperature at the freezing point whenever required. Plate glass windows will replace the present plain ones and a full width awning will be added soon. 92 Years Ago

April 20, 1916 Emma Sherman, of Maple Forest, has accepted a position to teach in the Sergeant District School, in Markey Township near Roscommon, commencing her duties on Monday.

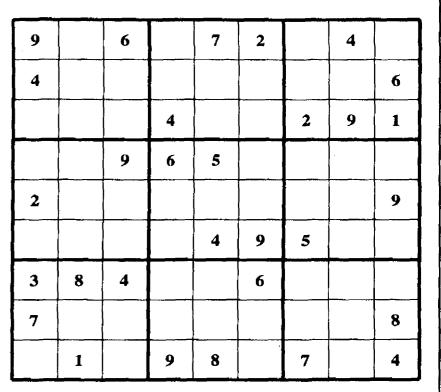
George Burkhardt is making necessary and needed repairs on his saloon building in Frederic.

Mr. and Mrs. W.G. Payson, from Toledo, Ohio, were the first resorters of the season to arrive in Grayling. They are now at their cottage a few miles down the mainstream of the AuSable.

# **PUZZLES**

#### **SUDOKU**

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# RECIPE OF THE WEEK

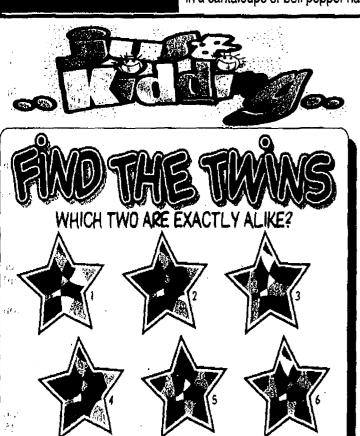
## **Barley and Bow-Tie Pilaf**

- 1/2 cup chopped, toasted almonds, walnuts or pecans (optional)
- 3 tablespoons chopped fresh thyme leaves (or 1 teaspoon dried thyme
- 3 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley
- 1 1/2 teaspoons finely grated lemon zest
- salt, to taste (optional)

1 cup mission or golden figs, stemmed, and halved or quartered Heat 1 tablespoon oil in small saucepan over medium heat. Add onion. Cook, stirring frequently, until golden. Add barley; stir for 11/2 to 2 minutes to toast. Add 11/4 cups chicken broth, cover and bring to a boil, then reduce heat and simmer gently for 35 minutes. Add figs (and remaining broth if needed), cover and continue cooking for 5 minutes or until barley is tender and liquid is absorbed. Meanwhile, cook pasta as package directs. Drain pasta and turn into serving bowl. Toss with remaining tablespoon of olive oil. Stir in cooked barley and figs, nuts, thyme, parsley, lemon zest and salt. Serve warm. Entrée Variation: Stir in 1/2 pound browned lean turkey or chicken sausage chunks. Leftover Lunch: Toss chilled pilaf with your favorite salad dressing and serve

in a cantaloupe or bell pepper half. Or spoon into whole grain pita bread for an on-the-go lunch.

Makes 6 Cups (8 Servings)



CURRENT FRESH

INITIAL **ORIGINAL** MODERN RECENT TOPICAL NOVEL

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new friend sheds some light on an old dilemma. Show your appreciation in an inusual way. A quick trip proves fruitful. December 22-January 19



Stop it, Aries. You've ontemplated your dreams long enough. Time to make your move and see them through. A party brings you a valuable business contact.

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Relax. Everything

will fall into place

soon. A social event

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ost control, Taurus?



July 22

**July 23-**

August 22

quickly at work. It is up to you, Cancer, to determine which ones make the cut. Don't worry about stepping on toes. That's inevitable.

Feel like you have

been neglected, Leo?

Put everything on the

back burner and treat

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be hard. However, if you compare yours to others', you will see that you have nothing to complain about, so be happy.

You're a shy one, but



aggressive side comes out and the look on people's faces is priceless. A question is answered

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Scorpio. Your



energy to a new project. Applaud their efforts with an invitation to an upcoming event. A



furry friend is in need of your

# ADOPT A PET

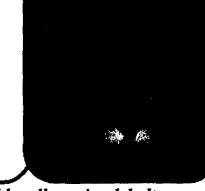


#### Keno Keno is a 10

month old gem of a cat. He is a handsome buff tabby with a great attitude. He purrs easily and loves everyone.

#### A.C. Goodman

A.C. Goodman is a great clown of a guy. He loves to play and seems good with dogs. This cat is about 18 months old.



Visit us at: www.ausablevallevanimalshelter.org

AuSable Valley Animal Shelter is located at:

5786 Fairground Lane, Grayling Use the entrance to the Crawford County Fairgrounds Hours: Open 10 to 3 pm Monday thru Saturday, 10 to 12 pm on Sundays and Holidays

After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117 For more pets or more information, visit our website www.ascc.petfinder.com



you ruffles your feathers, and if you aren't careful, you February 18

could say something you shouldn't. Oh, Pisces. Life is too short not to be happy. Don't let the criticisms of others

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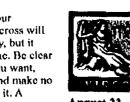
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April 20-

May 20

Getting your message across will not be easy, but it can be done. Be clear in what you want, Gemini, and make no buts about it. A friend has a request.





Watch it, Virgo. Any promises you make you will be held to. A fire is put under everyone at work and you must step up the pace to meet some crucial deadlines.



An old friend brings

# WEATHER Courtesy of the City of Grayling



Last Week **Extended Forecast** (Courtesy of the Weather.com) Date H L Inches Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday Monday Tuesday 1 324 1 347 1 347 1 345 Hìgh Hìgh High High High High 59 60 58 65 60 62 Low Low Low Law row Low 37 39 40 41 Few

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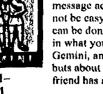
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regarding your choices get to you. Ignore them and February 19~ focus on what's March 20 important.







December 21

# DVERTISING ASSIFIED

Classifieds must be paid for in advance Display Advertising Rate - \$8.00 per column inch Deadline for Display Classifieds - 12 noon, Monday Classifieds by the word rate - \$6.00 for 15 words or less, 10¢ per each additional word; includes Internet listing: www.crawfordcountyavalanche.com

Classified by the word deadline - 12 noon, Tuesday

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Crawford County Avalanche

#### 1. Real Estate

RIVERFRONT HOME- 3 bedroom, 2 bath with fireplace, great views! Walkout basement has family room/fireplace w/wood insert, 2 bedrooms (office, den?) laundry, storage. 2-car attached. Large pole building, 348-8524. (3/20/08tf/1)



dany possibilities for this prime located prop erty in downtown Grayling. Professional office space with room for 4 offices plus meeting room for retail. Newly remodeled in 2007 and wheel chair accessible: #5964 \$139,900



Motivated Seller!!!

of Grayling

CLASSIC FAMILY HOME 3 br. 1 1/2 bath, home fea-

windows, siding, and full basement for all your storage

needs. 2 car garage with attached lean-to.

Concrete drive, privacy fence around back yard, large

covered porch in front and patio in rear. Great family

location. Seller is a Licensed Real Estate Agent in the

state of Michigan Listing #DB-2657 \$99,500

Sales@NorthernListings.com turing a formal dining room, large living, bath, updated

#### 1. Real Estate

**NEWLY CONSTRUCTED 2** x6, 2 bedroom, 2 bathroom, with private access to mainstream AuSable, 5 miles east of Grayling, \$109,000. 348-4840. (-17-24-1-8/1)

2-3 BEDROOM 2 bath, year round ranch in peaceful setting, on maintained road, near lakes and snowmobiling. (586) 446-713-7500, 0004, (586)(6/22/06 tf/1)

FOR SALE BY OWNER: Near new Walgreen drug store in Grayling. 3 bedroom ranch, hardwood floors, large kitchen dining area and front room. Laundry room, breezeway, 2 car attached garage on two city lots. Nice clean older home ready to move in. Must see to appreciate. Priced reduced: \$69,000. Owner motivated. 989-348-8118. (-17/1)

#### 1. Real Estate

THIS AUSABLE RIVER **HOME** has over 175 feet of river frontage, and is only 25 feet from the river. You can fly fish from the 750 square foot wrap-around deck. Enjoy this 2,175 square foot 4 bedroom, 2 bathroom home located on the east branch, I mile north of Mercy hospital. Featuring a full sized kitchen, living room, finished walkout basement, fireplace, hot tub, large cedar sauna and much more. The manicured lawn is watered from an underground sprinkler system and looks like a well maintained golf course. Price has been reduced from \$239,500 down to \$199,500. Lets talk. Call 989-348-2083 for showing by owner. (3/13/08tf/1)

MOBILE HOME 2-3 bedroom for sale, owner finance on lot, 989-348-5278 or 586-405-0030. (3/20/08tf/1)

BUY THIS 2 bedroom, 2 bathroom, 1200 sq. ft. modular home currently located in Kalkaska County, Blue Lake Township and move it to the site of your choice. Perfect for the recreationist as a get away for snowmobiling, fishing, golf, and all activities that Northern Michigan can provide. This is a quality built home, meeting all of the highest codes and standards. Includes all appliances and a two-car garage. A must see! The price is right. 231-587-4883. (-3-10-17/1)

10 BEAUTIFUL WOODED rolling acres, 3-4 bedroom, 2 baths, 2-story with walkout basement, attached 2 car garage, 4 outbuildings, \$149,500. Additional 12 acres available, 989-344-8032. (-10-17/1)

#### 1. Real Estate

FOR SALE. 2 bedroom mobile home on Skyline Rd - on 1 1/4 acres, 6 miles south of Grayling. \$30,000 OBO 989-275-8359. (-10-17/1)

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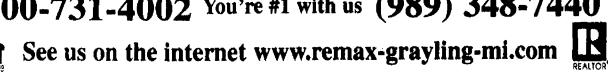
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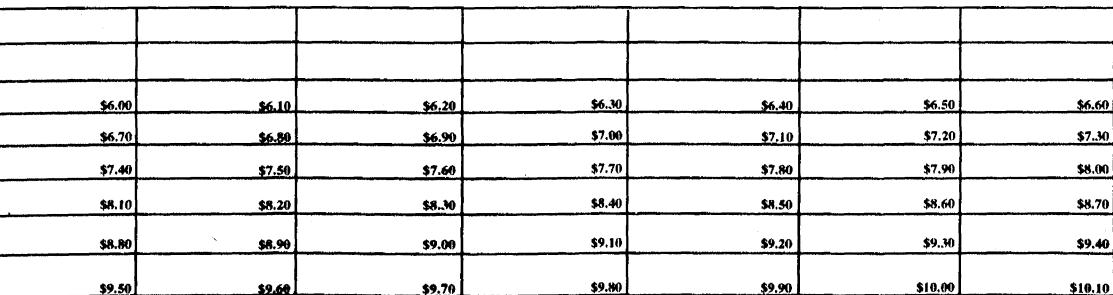
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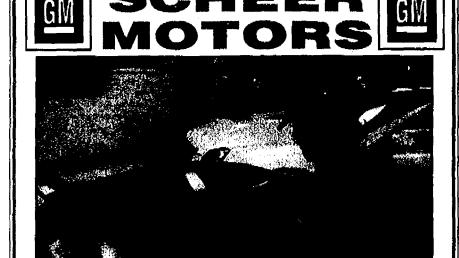
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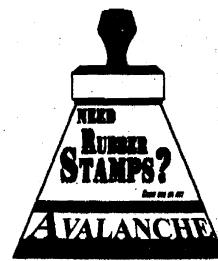
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